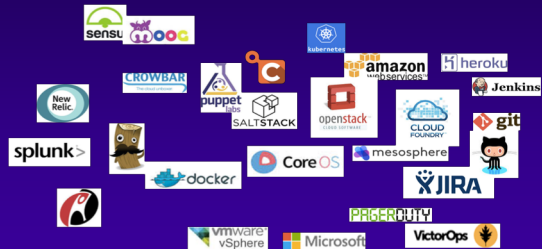


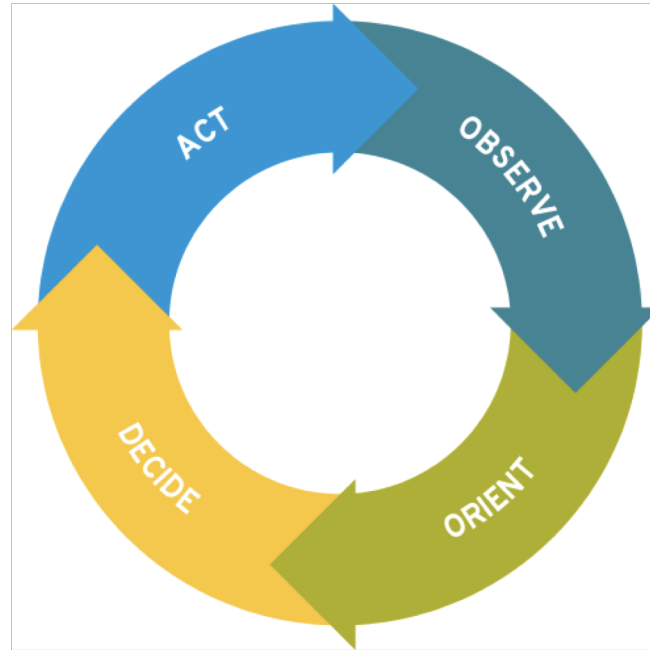
Automation Options for Interconnecting Internet, Content and Cloud



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Manual operations
Custom scripts....



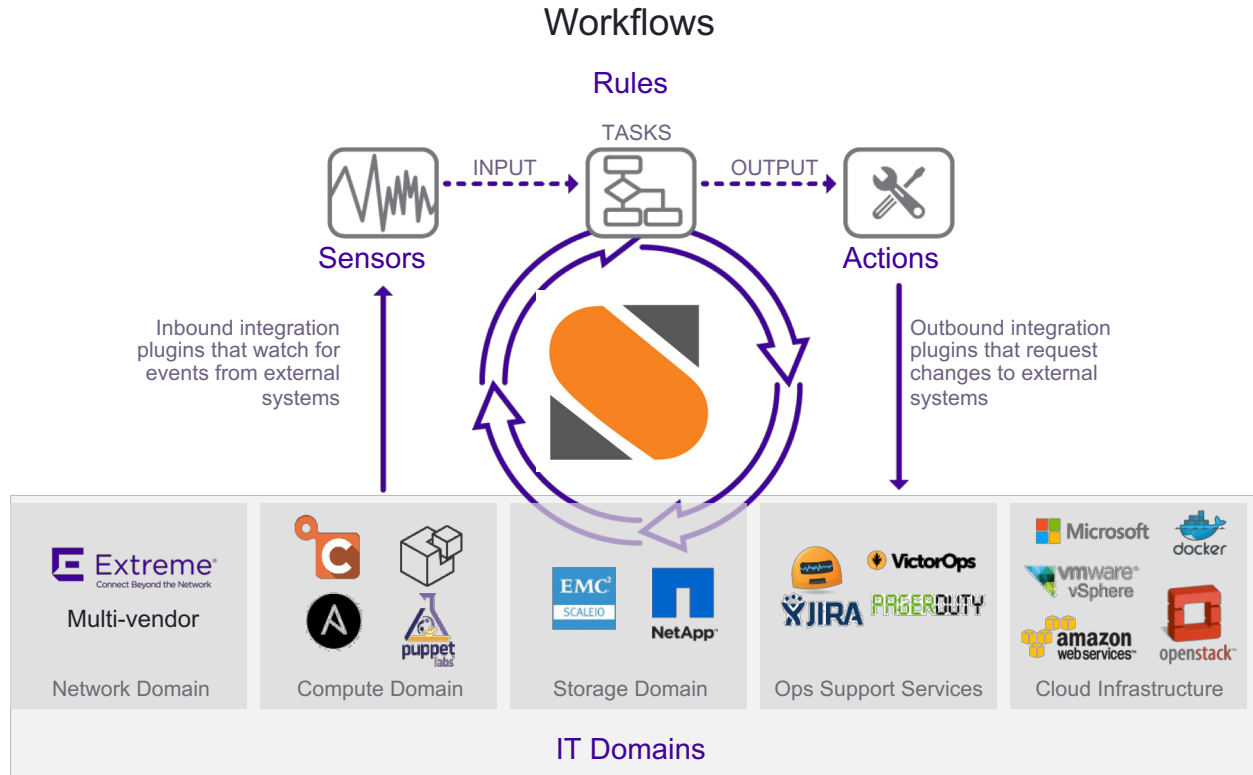
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Event Driven Automation



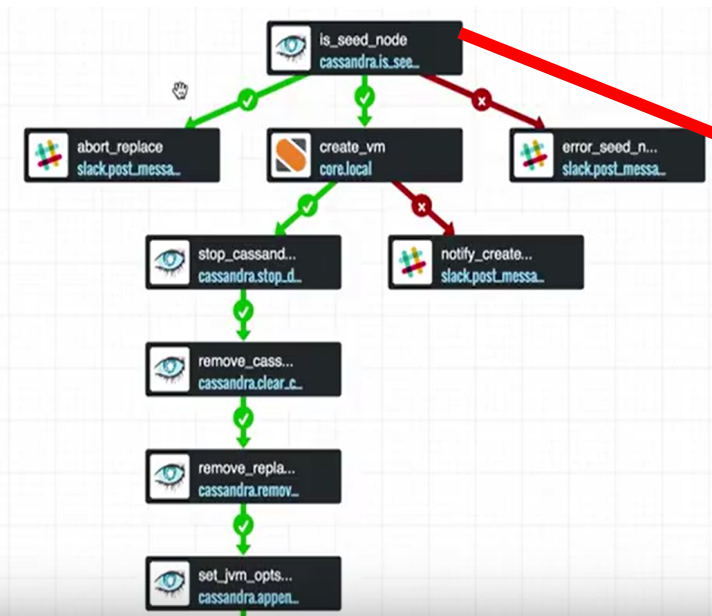
Sensors : Listen for Events like outage in an area

Actions: How to make the change via tools or Stacktorm

Workflow anatomy

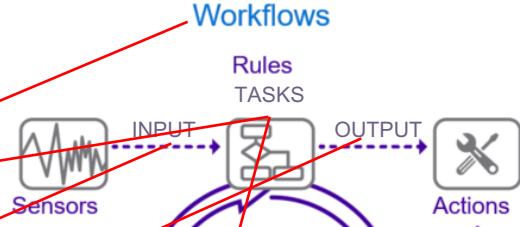
Workflow : Cassandra.replace_host

Tasks



```
version: '2.0'

cassandra.replace_host:
  description: A basic workflow that replaces a dead cassandra node with a spare.
  type: direct
  input:
    - dead_node
    - replacement_node
    - healthy_node
  output:
    - just output the whole workflow context: "<% $* %>"
  tasks:
    is_seed_node:
      action: cassandra.is_seed_node
      input:
        hosts: "<% $.healthy_node %>"
        node_id: "<% $.dead_node %>"
      publish:
        seed_node: "<% $.is_seed_node.get($.healthy_node).stdout %>"
      on-success:
        - abort_replace: "<% $.seed_node = 'True' %>"
        - create_vm: "<% $.seed_node = 'False' %>"
        - error_seed_node_determination: "<% not $.seed_node in list(False, True) %>"
      on-error:
        - error_seed_node_determination
    abort_replace:
      action: slack.post_message
      input:
        channel: "#dsedemo"
        message: "``[CASS-REPLACE-HOST] [<% $.dead_node %>] STATUS: FAILED REASON: SE"
      on-complete:
        - fail
    error_seed_node_determination:
      action: slack.post_message
      input:
```



Workflow representation and code side by side

Auto-remediating Cassandra with StackStorm

The screenshot displays the StackStorm web interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various AWS actions. The main area shows a workflow for 'cassandra.replace_host'. The workflow is visualized as a flowchart with nodes and decision points. The code on the right defines the workflow logic.

Workflow Visualization (Left):

- Start node: `is_seed_node` (cassandra.is_see...)
- Decision point: `is_seed_node` (green checkmark indicates success, red X indicates failure).
- Success path (green arrows):
 - `stop_cassand...` (cassandra.stop_d...)
 - `remove_cass...` (cassandra.clear_e...)
 - `remove_repla...` (cassandra.remov...)
 - `set_jvm_opts...` (cassandra.appen...)
- Failure path (red arrow):
 - `create_vm` (core.local)
 - `notify slack` (slack)
- Another failure path (red arrow):
 - `abort_replace` (slack.post_messa...)

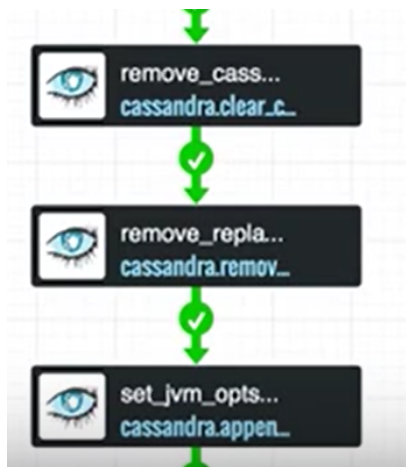
Workflow Code (Right):

```
1 version: '2.0'
2
3 cassandra.replace_host:
4   description: A basic workflow that replaces a c
5   type: direct
6   input:
7     - dead_node
8     - replacement_node
9     - healthy_node
10  output:
11    just_output_the_whole_workflow_context: "<
12  tasks:
13    is_seed_node:
14      action: cassandra.is_seed_node
15      input:
16        hosts: "<
17        node_id: "<
18      publish:
19        seed_node: "<
20    on-success:
21      - abort_replace: "<
22      - create_vm: "<
23      - error_seed_node_determination: "<
24    on-error:
25      - error_seed_node_determination
26  abort_replace:
27    action: slack.post_message
28    input:
29      channel: "#dsedemo"
30      message: ""[CASS-REPLACE-HOST] [<
31    on-complete:
32      - fail
```

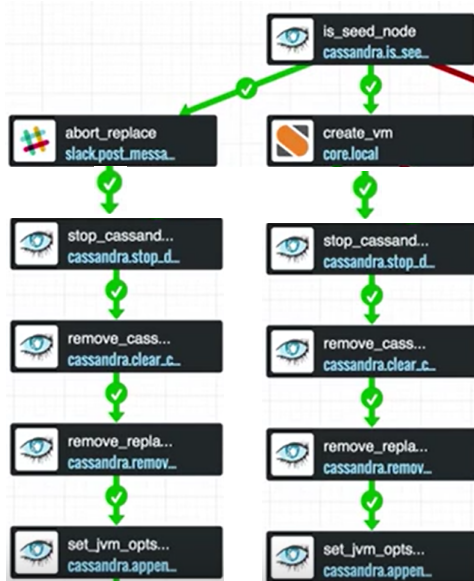


Tasks in Workflow: Linear , semi parallel or parallel

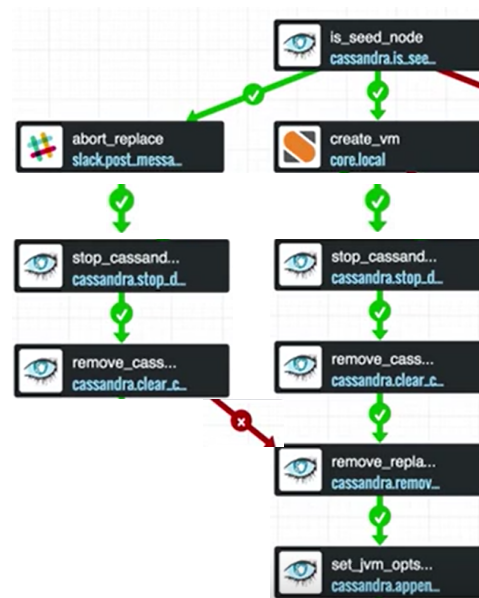
Linear



Parallel

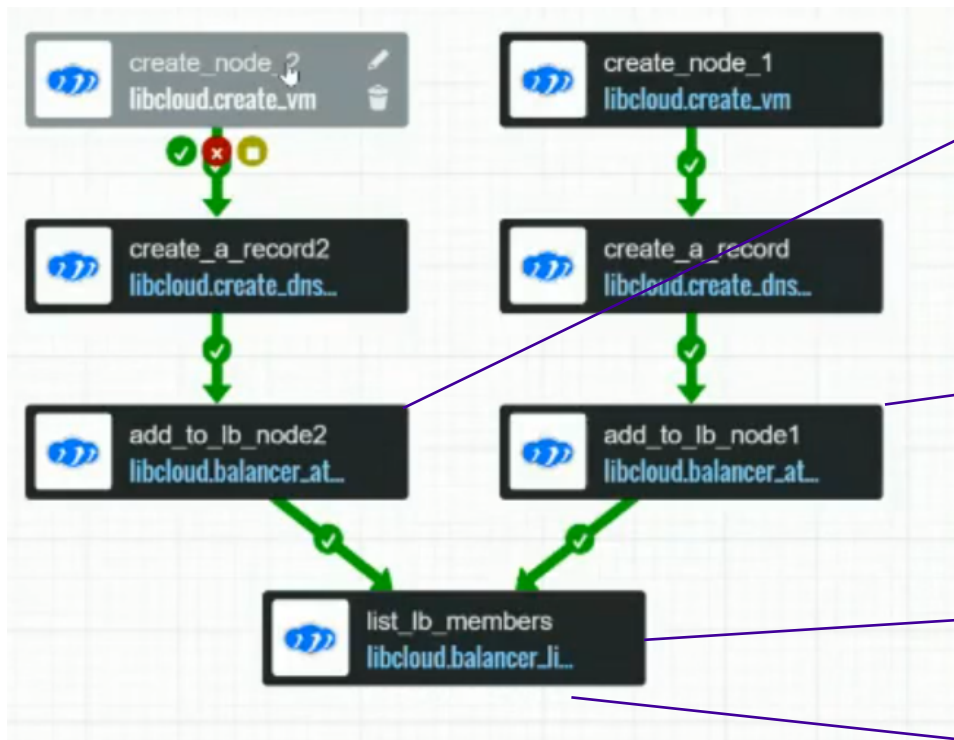


Semi-parallel



Tasks can collapse with “Joins”

tasks:



add_to_lb_node2

action:
input:
publish: ...
on-success:
- list_lb_members
- notify

add_to_lb_node1

action:
input:
publish: ...
on-success:
- list_lb_members
- notify

list_lb_members

join: all
input: ...
publish: ...
on-success:
-close_request
- notify



Retry policies : for example reboot vm and wait for node to reboot

```
9 workflows:
10
11   main:
12     type: direct
13     tasks:
14       init:
15         action: core.local cmd="rm -f /tmp/done"
16         on-success:
17           - create-file
18           - test-error-undo-retry
19       create-file:
20         action: core.local cmd="touch /tmp/done"
21         wait-before: 10
22       test-error-undo-retry:
23         workflow: work
24       retry:
25         count: 30
26         delay: 1
27         on-success:
28           - delete-file
29       delete-file:
30         action: core.local cmd="rm -f /tmp/done"
```



If you like writing visual code...

The screenshot displays the StackStorm Flow editor interface. On the left is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of available actions categorized by provider (aws, consul, core). The main workspace shows a workflow diagram for 'st2-demos.diskspace_remediation'. The workflow starts with a 'silence_check' task, followed by a 'check_dir_size' task. From 'check_dir_size', the flow branches: one path leads to 'remove_files' and then 'validate_dir', while another path leads to 'victorops_esca...'. The 'validate_dir' task leads to 'post_succ...'. The right pane shows the YAML code for the workflow, with the 'check_dir_size' task definition highlighted.

```
1 ---
2 version: '2.0'
3 name: st2-demos.diskspace_remediation
4
5 workflows:
6   main:
7     input:
8       - hostname
9       - directory
10      - file_extension
11      - threshold
12      - event_id
13      - check_name
14      - alert_message
15      - raw_payload
16
17 tasks:
18   silence_check:
19     # [215, 26]
20     action: sensu.silence
21     input:
22       client: <X $$.hostname %>
23       check: <X $$.check_name %>
24     on-success:
25       - check_dir_size
26     on-error:
27       - victorops_escalation
28
29   check_dir_size:
30     action: st2-demos.check_dir_size
31     input:
32       hosts: <X $$.hostname %>
33       directory: <X $$.directory %>
34       threshold: <X $$.threshold %>
35     on-error:
36       - remove_files
37     on-success:
38       - victorops_escalation
39
40   remove_files:
41     # [355, 230]
42     action: core.remote_sudo
```

Select the workflow

Click on the task you want to edit

Write only that portion of the highlighted code



Stackstorm Integration Packs ...

Integration packs:

<https://exchange.stackstorm.org/>

Cloud Providers



aws



azure



dimensiondata



libcloud



rackspace

Automations and Monitoring



EXOS



Network Essentials



servicenow



datadog



sensu



newrelic



mmonit



icinga2



dripstat

Essentials



ansible



napalm



slack



chef



splunk



cloudflare



email



elasticsearch



docker



excel

Curiosities



astral



cubesensors



hue



nest



powerpoint



urbandict



save_kittens



tesla



Working with Integration Packs

Managing Packs

List all installed packs

```
st2 pack list
```

Get detailed information about an installed pack

```
st2 pack get core
```

Discovering Packs

Search query is applied across all pack parameters.

It will search through pack names:

```
st2 pack search sensu
```

And keywords:

```
st2 pack search monitoring
```

And description (use quotes for multi-word search):

```
st2 pack search "Amazon Web Services"
```

And even pack author:

```
st2 pack search "Jon Middleton"
```

Show an index entry for the pack

with the exact name match

```
st2 pack show sensu
```

Installing a Pack

Fetch a specific commit

```
st2 pack install cloudflare=776b9a4
```

Or a version tag

```
st2 pack install cloudflare=0.1.0
```

Or a branch

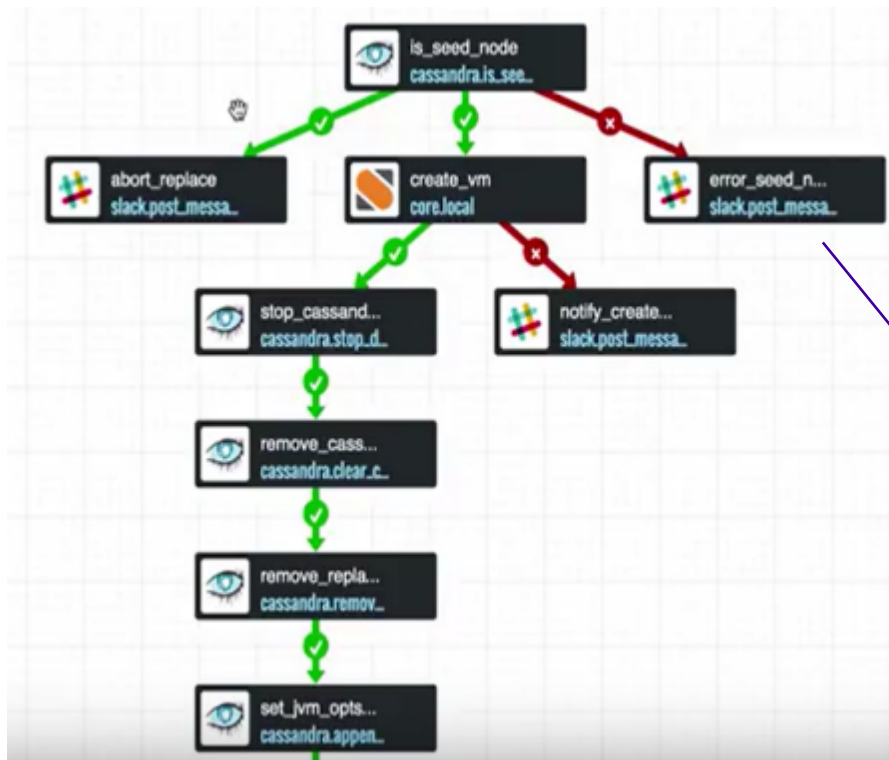
```
st2 pack install https://github.com/emedvedev/chatops_tutorial=testing
```

Configuring a Pack

```
st2 pack config cloudflare
```



Example #1 ChatOps Pack : Notify others on job status



cassandra.replace.host:
type:direct
input:...
output:...
tasks:

is_seed_node:

action:
input:
publish:...
on-success:
- **error_seed_notify:**
- **create_vm:**
on-error:
- error_seed_node_determination:...

error_seed_notify:

action: slack.post.message
input:
channel: "#NOCOoperations"
message: "...Error: Cassandra replace host..."



Example #2 Excel Pack : Load Information in workflow

The screenshot shows a workflow editor interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various packs: chatops, core, dcfabric, default, and excel. The 'excel' pack is highlighted with a red box. Below it, a list of tasks is shown: get_keys_for_columns, get_keys_for_rows, get_sheets, get_variables, and set_variables. The 'get_variables' task is also highlighted with a red box. In the center workspace, the 'get_variables' task is being added to the workflow. A purple arrow points from the 'get_variables' task in the sidebar to the task in the workspace. Another purple arrow points from the task in the workspace to the right-hand pane, which displays the task's configuration in a JSON-like format.

```
1 ---  
2 version: '2.0'  
3  
4 * untitled:  
5   tasks:  
6     task1:  
7       # [198, 60]  
8       action: excel.get_variables  
9
```



Create task
Select Excel pack
Choose get_variables
Name the task

Specify Excel file location in Add Metadata

Example #2 Excel Pack : Load Information in workflow

Add Excel Parameters for **inputs**

Excel sheet name

key  

Key to get

New parameter

Name *

variables

Type *

string

Description

Target a specific or subset of variables in JSON format

Enum

Default

☐ required ☐ immutable ☐ secret

```
{
  "name": "create_l2_tenant_demo",
  "pack": "default",
  "runner_type": "mistral-v2",
  "enabled": true,
  "entry_point": "workflows/create_l2_tenant_demo.yaml",
  "parameters": {
    "excel_file": {
      "type": "string",
      "description": "Name of Excel file with path",
      "default": "/opt/stackstorm/packs/excel/rbridge_info.xlsx"
    },
    "key_column": {
      "type": "integer",
      "description": "Starting column for keys",
      "default": 1
    },
    "variable_name_row": {
      "type": "integer",
      "description": "Starting row for variable names",
      "default": 1
    },
    "sheet": {
      "type": "string",
      "description": "Excel sheet name",
      "default": "Fabric"
    },
    "key": {
      "type": "string",
      "description": "Key to get"
    }
  },
  "ref": "default.create_l2_tenant_demo",
  "description": "Add a server to the network"
}
```

Parameters Added

Example #2 Excel Pack : Create Workflow

The screenshot displays the Ansible workflow editor interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various actions: `add_ipv4_rule_acl`, `add_ipv6_rule_acl`, `add_or_remove_l2_acl_rule`, `apply_acl`, `autopick_port_channel_id`, `configure_mac_move_detection`, `configure_mgmt_virtual_ip`, `create_acl`, and `create_l2_port_channel`. The main workspace shows a workflow graph with two tasks: `get_variables` (from the `excel` pack) and `autopick_port_channel_id` (from the `network_essentials` pack). A red box highlights the `get_variables` task, and a red box highlights the `autopick_port_channel_id` task. A red box also highlights the `publish` section of the `get_variables` task, which contains the following code:

```
publish:
  ports: '<% (task(get_variables).result.result.ports).split(",") %>'
  mgmt_ip: '<% task(get_variables).result.result.mgmt_ip %>'
  vlan_id: '<% str(task(get_variables).result.result.vlan_id) %>'
  intf_type: '<% task(get_variables).result.result.intf_type %>'
  intf_desc: '<% task(get_variables).result.result.intf_desc %>'
  protocol: '<% task(get_variables).result.result.protocol %>'
  mode: '<% task(get_variables).result.result.mode %>'
```

Below the `publish` section, the `on-success` section contains the `autopick_port_channel` task, which is highlighted by a red box. The `autopick_port_channel` task has the following code:

```
autopick_port_channel:
  # [105, 128]
  action: network_essentials.autopick_port_channel_id
  input:
    mgmt_ip: '<% $.mgmt_ip %>'
    username: '<% $.username %>'
    password: '<% $.password %>'
  publish:
    port_channel_id: '<% task(autopick_port_channel).result.result.port_channel_id %>'
```

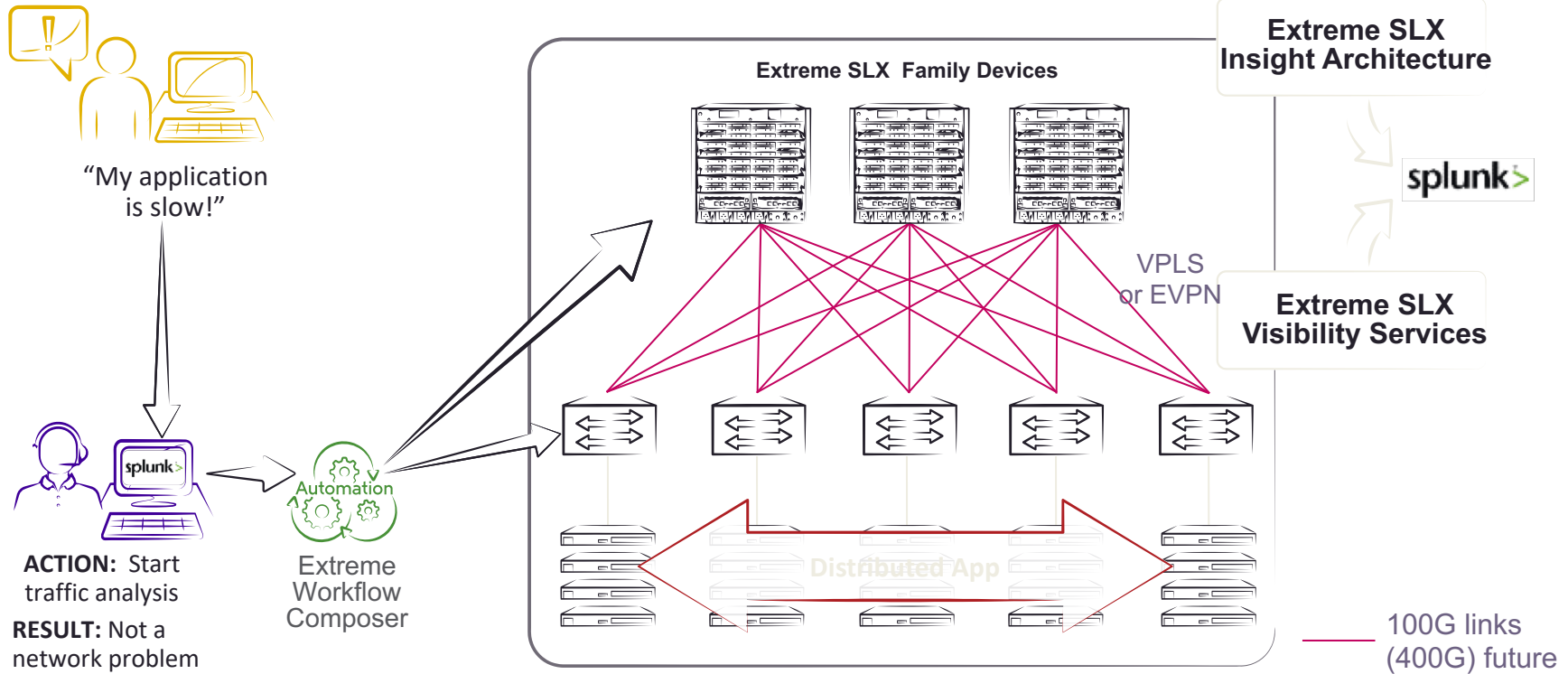
On the right side of the editor, a text box contains the following text:

Create port channel based on information of ports from Excel file

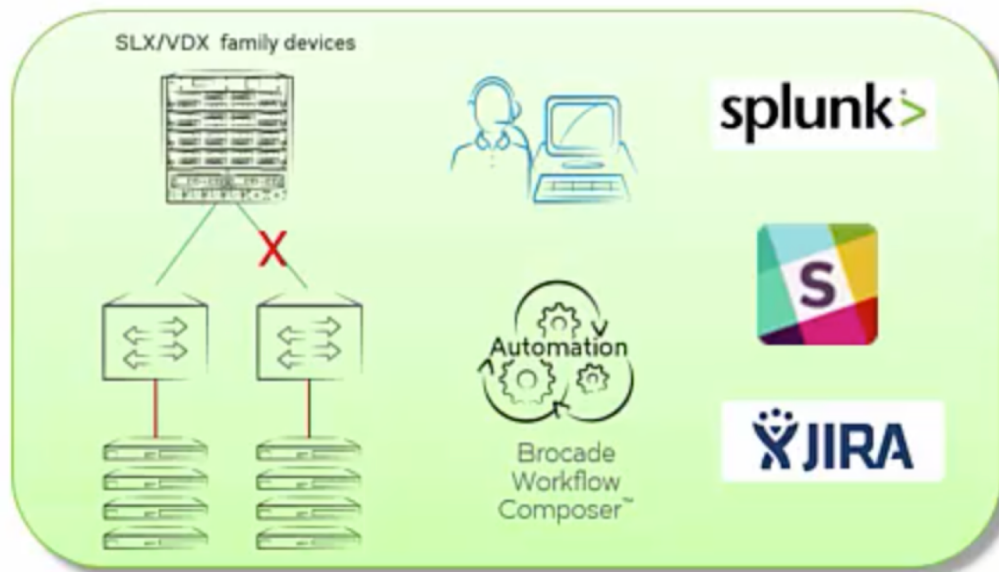


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Accelerating mean-time-to-innocence through automation



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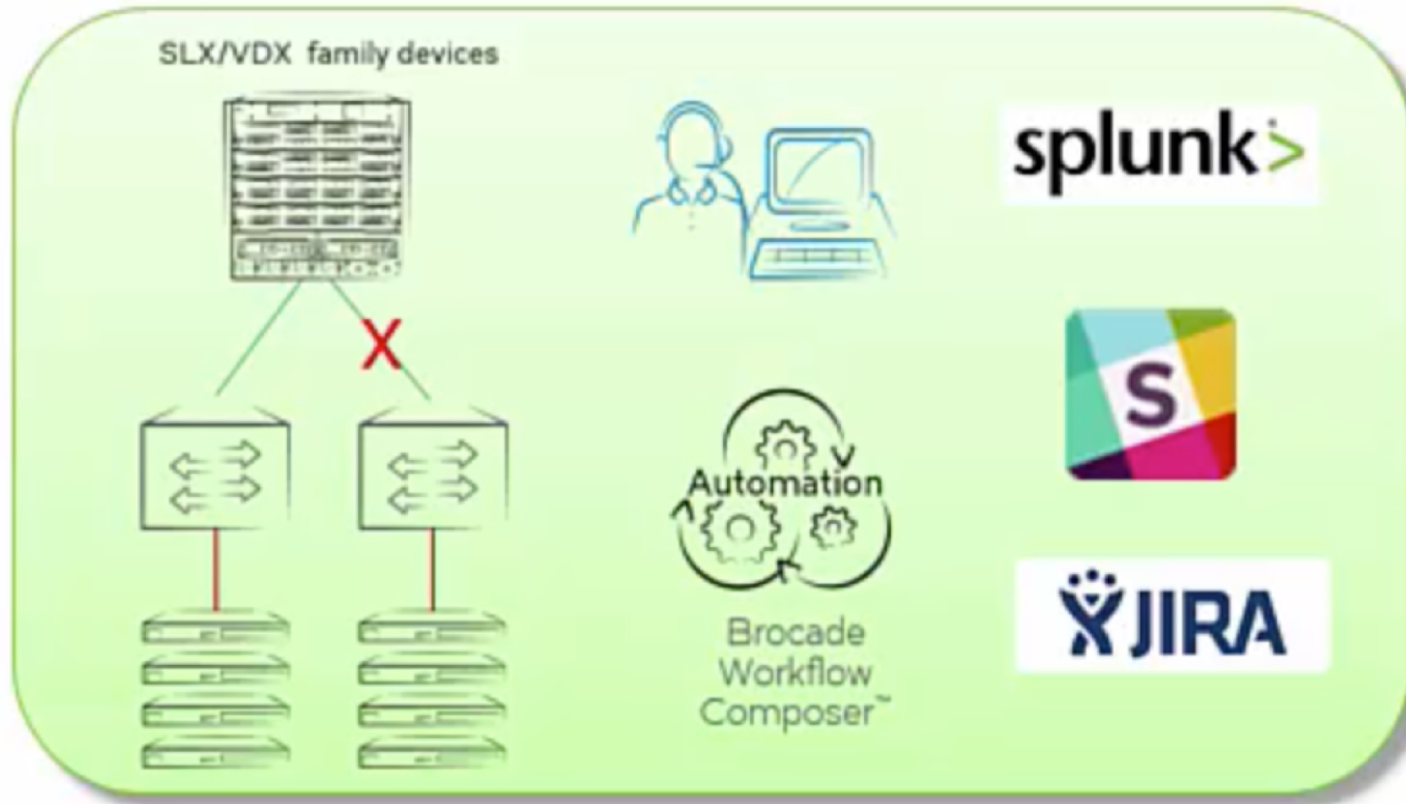


This demo will simulate:

- A network link failing
- Splunk alert ("NSM-1003"), triggers a troubleshooting / remediation workflow in Workflow Composer
- As part of that workflow EWC will:
 - Post a message to Slack to inform on-duty staff that an issue has just occurred
 - Attempt to restore the link
 - Post another message to Slack with the results of that effort
 - Create a ticket in Jira and insert relevant information



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