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# Reliability Excellence with SLO Management Products

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## **Agenda**



- Key Principles of SRE and practices
- Navigating SLO in Complex Environments
- Understand SLO Management
- Use case Overview
- Introducing SLO Management Product(s)
- SLO Products Comparison Table

## **Key Principles**



SLI (Service Level Indicator)

SLO (Service Level Objective)

SLA (Service Level Agreement)

**ERROR** 

**BUDGET** 

**SRE** areas of **Practices:** 

- · Metrics, monitoring, and alerts
- Change management and Emergency response

- Demand forecasting and capacity planning
- · Culture and toil management

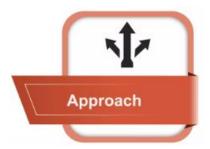
## Challenges to measure SLO for complex system



Ensuring a clear understanding of the problem



- SLOs not align with the business goals.
- Distributed systems and Interdependencies.
- Don't look on priority components.
- Tool limitation
- Dynamic and Evolving system.



What can we do about it?

- Understand the system.
- Understand the daily activities of the product's user.
- How would I design SLO
- How would I use it make them effectively.

## **Understand Service Level Objective (SLO) Management**

Solution to overcome from challenges



#### **SLO Management**

It covers the entire SLO lifecycle within an organization..

#### It involves:

- Define SLOs by aligning critical user journeys with business goals
- Set realistic targets for KPIs like uptime, latency, and error rates.
- Composite SLOs offer a user-focused, holistic view of system reliability.
- Measuring and Monitoring



#### **Benefits**

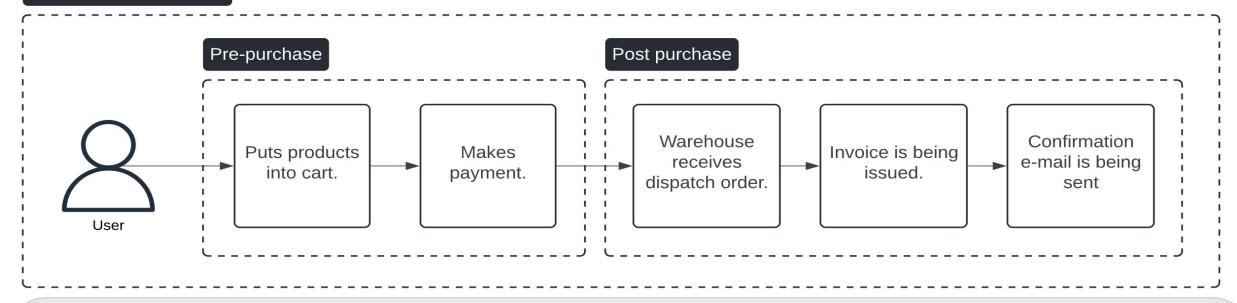
- Improved system reliability and performance through less downtime and better user experience.
- Data driver decision making : To prioritize Improvements.
- Increased efficiency through proactive SLO monitoring and reduced MTTR.
- Improved communication and teamwork through shared understanding..
- Customer satisfaction
- Enhanced Innovation: Faster Time-to-Market

## Use case example:

#### As a User, I use shopping App to purchase products



#### **Purchase User Journey**



#### Key points from Use case:

- The availability is much more important than its latency.
- In a pre-purchase phase website availability is slightly more important than payment availability.
   Based on the understanding we will define below composite
- In a post-purchase phase warehouse and invoicing are slightly more important than emailing. SLO's.

   Pre-purchase User exp.

#### How to measure reliability of complete User Journey:

- Identify services and their dependent components Ex: we have store website, Payments, Invoices, Emailing and warehouses.
- Services in the pre-purchase phase are more important than services in the post-purchase state.
   Identity and setup SLOs for each services w.r.t availability and latency.

  - Post-purchase User exp.
  - User exp of Purchase user journey (aggregate of above two) Image Credit: Noble9

### **SLO Management Products**

Available tools in market









servicenow.



# **SLO Management Products capabilities & comparisons**



(As reported by Public platforms)

| CATEGORY                      | CAPABILITIES  | HARNESS  | NEW RELIC | SERVICE NOW | FIREHYDRANT | SQUADCAST | NOBL9    |
|-------------------------------|---|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| SLO Management                | Define and manage SLOs                                    | <b>V</b> | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>    | V         | <b>V</b> |
|                               | Real-time error budget tracking                           | <b>V</b> | V         | <b>V</b>    | ×           | X         | <b>V</b> |
|                               | Collect and analyze SLIs                                  | <b>V</b> | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b> |
| Business Capability Mapping   | Map SLOs to business capabilities                         | <b>V</b> | ×         | <b>V</b>    | ×           | X         | <b>V</b> |
|                               | Impact analysis for breaches                              | <b>V</b> | ×         | <b>V</b>    | ×           | X         | <b>V</b> |
| Monitoring and Observability  | Real-time monitoring of SLIs and SLOs                     | <b>V</b> | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b> |
|                               | Root Cause Analysis (RCA)                                 | X        | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>    | X         | <b>V</b> |
| Reporting and Insights        | Customizable dashboards and reports                       | <b>V</b> | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>    | ×           | X         | <b>V</b> |
|                               | Correlation of metrics with customer experience           | X        | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>    | ×           | X         | <b>V</b> |
| Automation and Integration    | Improvement recommendations                               | ×        | <b>V</b>  | (Limited)   | ×           | ×         | <b>V</b> |
|                               | Proactive alerting and notifications                      | <b>V</b> | V         | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b> |
|                               | Workflow automation for remediation                       | <b>V</b> | V         | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b> |
| Governance and Collaboration  | Integration with Jira, ServiceNow, observability tools    | <b>V</b> | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b> |
|                               | Versioning and auditing for SLO changes                   | X        | ×         | <b>V</b>    | ×           | X         | <b>V</b> |
| Scalability and Customization | Collaboration features for business and engineering teams | ×        | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>    | ×           | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b> |
|                               | Multi-tenancy support for scaling                         | <b>V</b> | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>    | <b>V</b>    | X         | <b>V</b> |
|                               | Customizable features for business needs                  | <b>V</b> | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>    | <b>✓</b>    | X         | <b>V</b> |



## **Thank You**