



What is DCML?

- The Specification
 - Structured XML-based data model and format for describing data center environments, configurations & relationships among components, and policies and procedures governing their use and construction
- The Effort
 - Open industry consortium of 63 vendors and customers dedicated to developing the DCML specification and implementing and deploying DCML products
- The Organization
 - Not-for-profit 501(c)(6) organization established to foster development of the specification, submit it to a standards body, and provide ongoing marketing support

Key Takeaways

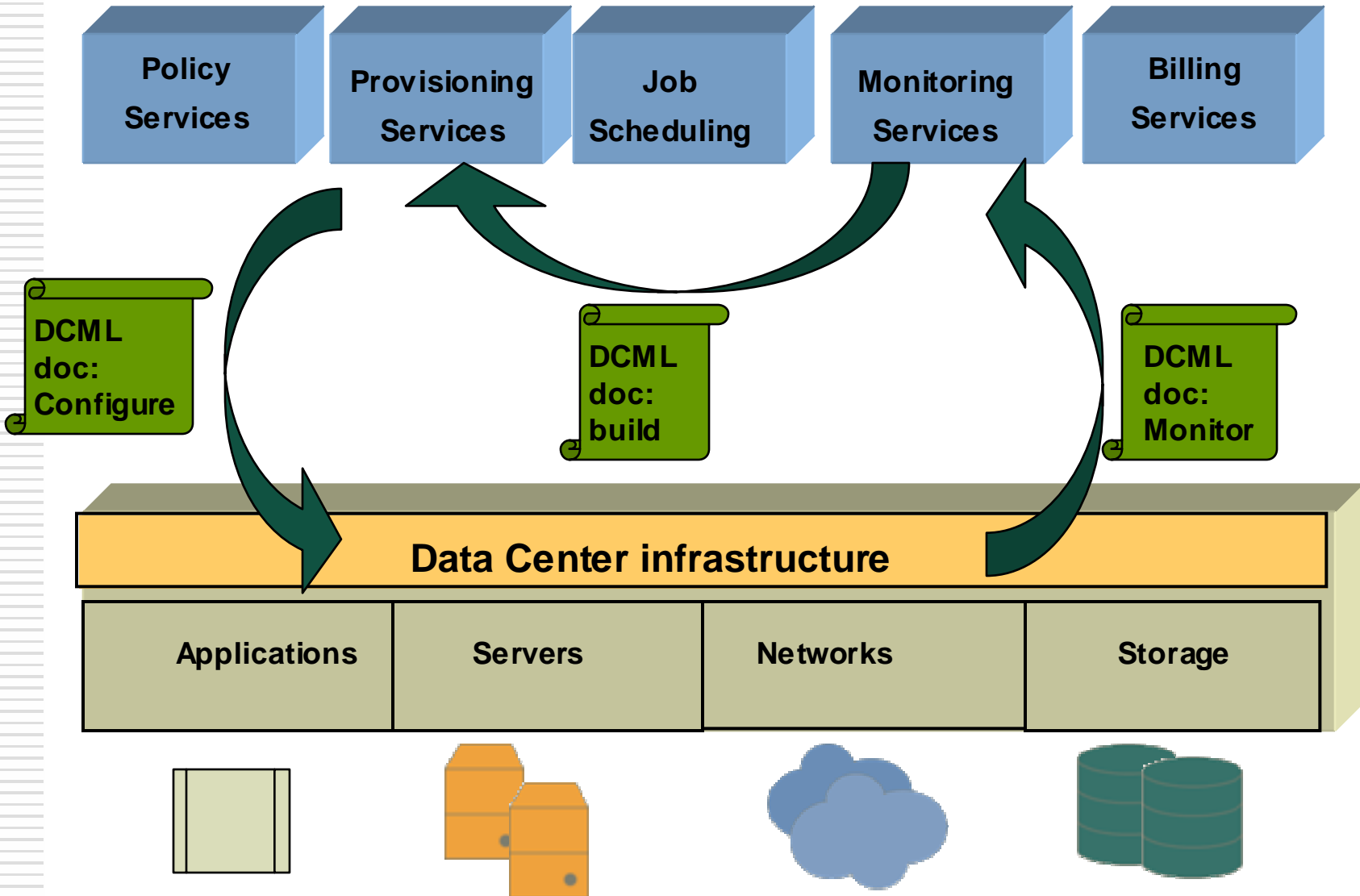
- Understand the underlying IT problem that has created the need for a data center standard
- Learn how DCML advances utility computing and what is unique about this approach
- Discover how a typical organization would implement DCML
- Next steps for DCML

What will enable IT departments to automate the management of increasingly complex data center environments?

- DCML is imperative to realizing a true utility computing environment
 - DCML provides a common way to represent and share information among new and existing management systems and datacenter infrastructure
 - Open specification
 - Applicable to heterogeneous environments
 - Enables visibility, integration, and automation

- Makes it possible to deliver open standard utility computing solutions
 - Use standard servers, storage, networking and provisioning tools

DCML in Action



Looking Ahead

- Launch of 1.0 specification in late May
- Establishing liaison relationships with existing standards bodies
 - Regular communication with each of the standards bodies on areas of collaboration
 - Information sharing
 - Participation in each other's key meetings

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