

Rethink SolarWinds: Modernize with Service-Centric Observability and Intelligent Operations

Replace node-centric monitoring with service-aware visibility, AI-driven insights, policy-governed automation, and a practical path to modern IT operations.



Executive Summary

SolarWinds has served as a familiar monitoring foundation for many IT teams. But as environments expand across hybrid cloud, distributed infrastructure, and business-critical digital services, the question becomes whether a traditional monitoring model can keep pace with the way IT teams now need to see, understand, and act across complex hybrid environments.

Why Companies Are Rethinking SolarWinds	Why ScienceLogic Is a Stronger Path to Modern IT Operations
For many enterprises, rethinking SolarWinds is less about replacing a tool and more about reducing operational drag, improving service-centric visibility, and preparing IT operations for hybrid IT modernization.	ScienceLogic is the better path when SolarWinds replacement is not just a monitoring refresh, but a shift toward a unified, service-centric operating model built on observability, AI-driven operations, and intelligent automation.
Budget pressure from licensing, renewals, and add-ons: Customers often re-evaluate SolarWinds when licensing complexity, add-on costs, polling-engine requirements, or renewal events make long-term TCO harder to justify.	Rationalize tools around one operating platform: ScienceLogic Bring observability, service context, CMDB enrichment, event management, and automation into a more unified operating model.
High effort to deploy, tune, upgrade, and maintain: Teams may start looking for a SolarWinds replacement when monitoring requires too much manual configuration, specialized administration, Windows licenses, database/API poller management, or ongoing tuning.	Connect infrastructure health to business-service impact: ScienceLogic brings discovery, dependency mapping, topology, business-service modeling, and ITSM/CMDB context together so teams can prioritize incidents by service risk and business risk.
Security, governance, and trust scrutiny: Monitoring platforms have broad infrastructure visibility, some buyers still revisit SolarWinds after the Orion/SUNBURST incident as part of broader vendor-risk, credential governance, auditability, and compliance.	Move from alert handoffs to governed automation: ScienceLogic combines event correlation, AIOps, and workflow automation to help teams enrich, prioritize, and act from a shared operational context instead of pushing every alert into another manual queue
Fragmented visibility across tools, modules, and teams: Customers rethink SolarWinds when separate modules, dashboards, alerts, and workflows make it difficult to create one trusted view of infrastructure health, service impact, and operational ownership	Support enterprise control, governance, and deployment choice: ScienceLogic provides flexible deployment models, operational control, security-sensitive architecture, auditability, and governance across hybrid, regulated, or segmented environments.
Pressure to move beyond node-centric monitoring: Hybrid environments increasingly require cloud context, automation, ecosystem integration, service awareness, and AI-driven operational intelligence.	Modernize for AI-driven IT operations: ScienceLogic combine service context, topology, automation, and agentic AI capabilities to support faster decisions, less manual effort, and more autonomous operations.

De-risk the Move from SolarWinds

ScienceLogic helps reduce migration risk through an automated, parallel-deployment approach that reduces manual effort and supports continuity through the transition. The SolarWinds Migration Tool converts and validates devices, credentials, groups, geolocation data, and event policies while preserving operational context and flagging ambiguous mappings for review. This enables teams to move supported assets in controlled stages while supporting operational continuity during the transition, and use the move as a foundation for service-centric visibility, AI-driven operations, and intelligent automation.

Priorities Driving Migration Initiatives

For teams rethinking SolarWinds, the decision is not just about monitoring coverage. ScienceLogic helps **organizations consolidate tools and reduce complexity, resolve issues faster and improve operational efficiency, and reduce operational and business risk**—while providing a practical path to modernize while reducing migration risk.

Priority	ScienceLogic Path	SolarWinds Current State Consideration
Consolidate tools and reduce operational complexity	Consolidates observability, service context, CMDB enrichment, event management, and automation into a more unified operating model—reducing tool sprawl, disconnected workflows, operational handoffs, and management complexity	Can be attractive for targeted monitoring or specialist modules, but broader use can leave teams managing adjacent products, consoles, polling/database architecture, and tool-to-tool handoffs.
Understand service impact, not just device status	Connects discovery, dependency mapping, topology, business-service modeling, and ITSM/CMDB context so teams can prioritize incidents by service risk, business impact, and operational ownership	Provides monitoring coverage, discovery, maps, and integrations, but service-impact context may require more manual stitching across modules, dashboards, and workflows.
Resolve issues faster and improve operational efficiency	Uses topology-aware event correlation, AI-driven insights, and workflow automation to reduce alert noise, accelerate diagnosis and response, and minimize manual investigation and operational handoffs.	Supports alerts, actions, workflows, and AI-assisted capabilities, but the operating model can remain more alert-led and product-specific, with manual handoffs between detection, diagnosis, and resolution.
Reduce operational and business risk	Reduces operational and business risk through service-impact visibility, deployment and data control, auditability, governance, and policy-driven automation across hybrid, regulated, and segmented environments.	Has credible security and enterprise capabilities, but customers with strict control, sovereign, regulated, MSP, or segmented operations may need to evaluate governance, deployment consistency, and data control across the portfolio.
Modernize through a phased, validated transition	Provides an automated, parallel-deployment path to replace SolarWinds monitoring while supporting operational continuity and advancing toward service-aware AIOps, AI-assisted triage, event correlation, and policy-governed automation	Familiarity can reduce short-term change risk, and SolarWinds does offer AI-assisted capabilities. However, staying with the incumbent may preserve the cost, complexity, alert-noise, and operating model challenges that triggered the replacement review

Learn From Other Customers Like You

Top European Systems Integrator

“ScienceLogic replaced a mismatch of SolarWinds instances and gave us greater functionality, flexibility, scaling, and easier management than the competition. It helped us bring everything together, remove silos, and move customers from reactive firefighting toward a more mature operational model.”

Top Global Financial Services Company

“We replaced SolarWinds with ScienceLogic because we wanted a consolidated toolset with fewer product lines and fewer silos. ScienceLogic dramatically increased our infrastructure visibility and became a strong fit for our hybrid IT operations.”

Top Global IT Services Provider

“SolarWinds NPM was used before and did not scale for our use. With ScienceLogic, we gained a single platform that scales, deploys customers faster, and gives us the flexibility to build the monitoring capabilities we need.”

About ScienceLogic

ScienceLogic delivers intelligence that accelerates through service-centric observability, AI-driven operations, and intelligent automation. Trusted by enterprises, service providers, and government agencies worldwide, our platform unifies visibility and intelligence with Agentic AI so teams can move from understanding problems to resolving them with greater speed and precision. Founded in 2003, ScienceLogic serves hundreds of customers globally and is recognized as a Leader in The IDC MarketScape™: Worldwide AIOps, Vendor Assessment, March 2026 " and recognized as a Niche Player in the 2026 Gartner® Magic Quadrant™ for Observability Platforms. Learn more at www.sciencelogic.com.

A Phased, Lower-Risk Path Forward

ScienceLogic helps SolarWinds customers automate migration to Skylar One with reduced manual effort, high accuracy, and rapid execution. The SolarWinds Migration Tool supports a parallel deployment approach so teams can move supported SolarWinds assets in stages while validating coverage and supporting operational continuity.

Automated Asset Conversion

Extract and transform SolarWinds Node inventory directly into Skylar One native device format, preventing duplication.

Validate Credentials

Decrypt, aggregate, and dry-run test SNMP, WMI, and SSH credentials to validate monitoring before moving forward.

Preserve Operational Context

Rebuild Node Groups into dynamic Skylar One Device Groups and synchronize critical site geolocation coordinates.

Translate Rules/Policies

Convert complex syslog, SNMP trap, and alert logic into clean event policies. Unmapped items flag for human review.

Enrich Service-Aware Visibility

Map dependencies, trigger multi-tier topologies, and construct dynamic Business Service dashboards.

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