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- **Network Operators**
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**Alarm Monitor – Network alarms monitoring**
- List of pending alarms with severity and acting urgency information
- Quick and advanced filters and search capabilities | Alarm fields setup
- Alarms actions (Detail | Acknowledge | Unacknowledge | Close | Comment)
- Rules creation (SMS, e-mail, etc.)

**Reports – Network inventory**
- Inventory, alarms, performance and user auditing reports
- Basic and advanced filters for easy custom result views (tabular and graphical)
- Report scheduling and customization
- Multiple file export formats (PDF or CSV)

**Access Control System – Authentication service**
- Authorization, authentication, accounting (AAA)
- Single Sign On
- Centralized management of users and their access rights profiles

**Job Scheduler – Operations scheduler**
- Periodic task execution management
- User defined system scripts
- Cron trigger based

**Zero Touch Configurations (ZTC) – Home Gateway Provisioning**
- Automated CPE configuration procedure
- XML/Text based CPE template files

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- Complete Management and Control solution of multi-technology and multi-service provisioning;
- Easy integration and programmability through external and standard interfaces (APIs) that cover the full FCAPs dimensions and deliver virtualizations of the underlying network domain, so that the OSS and other external Applications or higher hierarchy SDN Controllers can actually “program the network”;
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- Scalable solution;
- Easy and attractive to work through a user-friendly GUI.

**Key differentiators**

- Scalable: Performance and reliability guarantee
- Programmable: Easy integration with third-party systems
- Modular: Customized to each client needs
- Simple: Abstraction of all the existing complexity

**Service Manager xPON – Global resources configuration and monitoring**
- Support of access technologies such as GPON, NGPON2, G.fast and others
- Resources abstraction (PMA and PMAA)
- Simplified service model
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**Service Manager MPLS – e2e Service Provisioning**
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**Service Manager Telemetry – Environmental control**
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- Location management
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**Service Manager for Condominium Infrastructure – Intelligent condominium**
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**North Bound Interfaces – Integration | Programmability**
- Full featured management API
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**GUI – A user centric interface**
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