WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer-implemented method for managing host computing devices, the method comprising:

under control of one or more processors, a state processing component configured with specific executable instructions and a power supply independent of the power supply associated with a control component,

setting, by the state processing component, an initial state of a control component, the control component for monitoring and controlling one or more aspects of the operation of the host computing devices;

determining, by the state processing component, whether information corresponding to an operating state of a control component has been received;

modifying, by the state processing component, a current state of the control component to one of a fault state or a non-fault state based on ~~determining~~ whether information corresponding to the operating state of the control component has ~~not~~ been received ~~or a determined operating state of~~ from the control component; and

causing, by the state processing component, the generation of a visual indicator based on the current state of the control component.

2. The computer-implemented method as recited in Claim 1, wherein causing the generation of a visual indicator based on the current state of the control component includes causing generation a specific color indicator corresponding to a determined non-fault state.

3. The computer-implemented method as recited in Claim 1, wherein causing the generation of a visual indicator based on the current state of the control component includes causing generation a specific color indicator corresponding to a determined fault state.

4. The computer-implemented method as recited in Claim 3, wherein causing the generation a specific color indicator corresponding to a determined fault state includes causing generation of a first color indicator associated with a needed replacement event.

5. The computer-implemented method as recited in Claim 4, wherein causing the generation a specific color indicator corresponding to a determined fault state includes causing generation of a second color indicator associated with a needed troubleshooting event.

6. The computer-implemented method as recited in Claim 1, wherein causing the generation of a visual indicator based on the current state of the control component includes causing generation a specific indicator corresponding to a power off state for the rack control component.

7. The computer-implemented method as recited in Claim 1, wherein setting an initial state of a control component includes setting the initial state to a non-fault state or a fault state.

8. A system for managing host computing devices, the host computing devices organized into a physical rack, the system comprising:

a rack control component~~, the control~~ including one or more processors and a first power supply, the rack control component configured to monitor and control one or more aspects of the operation of the host computing devices,

a state monitoring component comprising:

a second power supply independent of the first power supply associated with the rack control component;

at least one visual indicator interface;

a state processing component ~~for~~ configured to:

~~monitoring~~ set an initial state of the rack control component; ~~and~~

~~determining~~ determine whether information corresponding to an operating state of the rack control component has been received,

modify a current state of the control component to one of a fault state or a non-fault state based on whether information corresponding to the operating state of the control component has been received from the control component; and

cause the generation of a visual indicator based on the current state of the rack control component

~~at least one visual indicator interface;~~

~~wherein the state monitoring component causes the generation of a visual indication based on the determined operating state of the rack control component~~.

9. The system as recited in Claim 8, wherein the state monitoring component causes generation of no visual indicator corresponding to a determined non-fault state.

10. The system as recited in Claim 8, wherein the state monitoring component causes generation of a specific color visual indicator, the specific color visual indicator corresponding to a determined fault state or a needed repair event.

11. The system as recited in Claim 8, wherein the state monitoring component causes generation a specific visual indicator, the specific visual indicator corresponding to a power off state for the rack control component.

12. The system as recited in Claim 8, wherein the ~~visual indication based on the determined~~ information corresponding to the operating state of the rack control component ~~is based on~~ comprises at least one of processor performance, operating system performance, network performance, ~~and~~ or power performance.

13. The system as recited in Claim 8 further comprising at least one visual indication device, the visual indication device in communication with the at least one visual indicator interface.

14. The system as recited in Claim 13, wherein the at least one visual indication device includes at least one of a liquid crystal display, a light emitting diode, a set of light emitting diodes and a multi-colored light emitting diode.