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Application Portfolio Management | Why You Need IT

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Introductions

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Agenda

- Introduction To APM
- Open Mic What Is An Application?
- The Application Inventory
- Open Mic What Do Stakeholders Expect?
- Who is involved in APM?

Goals of this session

- You will leave the session with answers to the following questions:
 - What is the value of implementing APM?
 - What are the key concepts and steps for implementing APM?
 - What APM tools available?
 - How do I build an APM roadmap?
- Open Mic What are the problems that APM is trying to solve?
- APM Value Propositions
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- Roadmap For Rolling Out APM
- Tools Available
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Application Portfolio Management - Introduction



Introduction To Application Portfolio Management (APM)

- Application Portfolio Management (APM) is a framework for managing enterprise IT software applications and software-based services. APM provides managers with an inventory of the company's software applications and metrics to illustrate the business benefits of each application.
- The concept of application portfolio management (APM) first emerged in the early 1990s, but its benefits really became apparent during the Y2K buildup.
- When organizations began preparing for Y2K remediation, they often discovered they had accumulated a large number of applications that were redundant, costly to maintain, and of little real business value. Moreover, the majority of applications were not cataloged in any logical, searchable fashion. As companies began to review their application portfolios, the benefits of having an ongoing process of doing so became apparent.
- APM is largely the practice of grouping together applications with similar functions, assessing their financial value, and cataloging them in a way that allows for analysis at multiple levels.

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What is an Application?

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Simple and Composite Applications

- Identifying applications within your organization requires that you define *what* is considered an application.
- Composite Applications
 - Identify supporting technologies, databases, user interfaces, to determine the full application definition
- Simple Applications
- A individual with a spreadsheet
 - It is important to recognize when critical information is dependent on an individual who manages multiple data points and spreadsheets to develop the report that helps leadership to make decisions.







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What do stakeholders expect / need from APM?

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Who Is Involved In APM?



IT Director

The CIO needs a holistic view of the current application space, including the IT roadmap to manage financial investments. The IT Director wants a single, accurate view of applications driving benefits versus those leaching dollars. The Application Owner needs to manage the application lifecycle without draining resources, including day-to-day admin and maintenance and developing and/or implementing improvements. The Enterprise Architect wants to maintain business capability standards and quickly identify redundant or risky applications.

The Support Organization provides input in the costs to support the application and participates in the Application Lifecycle End-customer want to us the capabilities delivered by the applications to perform business functions

Application Owner Enterprise Architect Support Organizations Application Clients/ User Organizations

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What are the problems that APM is trying to solve?



APM Value Propositions



Application Space	Never AccurateNot Up-To-Date
Which Applications	 Drive Benefits ? Leach Dollars ? Have low adoption, risk and quality?
Managing Application Lifecycle	 Drain On Resource Demand and Investments Should we buy or leverage existing
Struggle To Keep Track Of	 Business Application Standards Redundant Applications

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Application Value and Business Capabilities

- To determine an applications value we look at what the applications can do and how well they do it. Measurement is the key.
- Find redundancies in application support
- Identify the metrics that will be used to establish how well an application is performing
 - CSAT (Customer Satisfaction)
 - Technical Fit
 - Business Alignment
 - Financials
 - Application Operational and Cost Assessment
 - Application Lifecycle and Release Process Management
 - Application Portfolio Optimization
 - Application Client/Customer Management
- Calculate Scores
 - Based on the metrics collected, generate a score that helps to Determine what applications in a given area are performing well, as well as what applications might be leaching dollars with little customer satisfaction gain

It is also important to determine where we have gaps in application support.

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Impacted Areas Of The Business

Implementing an APM Process impacts other areas of the business, such as:



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Roadmap For Rolling Out APM

Collect and Categorize

Collect catalog of applications and categorize them against the organizations business



Measure

Establish metrics that will be used to measure the applications against one another

Analyze

Analyze the application portfolio to determine where to invest, replace or retire



Planning The Roadmap Establish IT roadmaps for application





Getting On The APM Roadmap

- There may be different areas in your organization that implement APM at different times.
- If you are a large organization, you may choose to focus on specific application areas first, such as financial applications, or BI solutions
- APM may target applications that became assets of the organization through acquisition
- It is expected that different areas of the application landscape will join the APM roadmap at different times



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Once you decide on building an APM methodology, there are tools that can provide support for implementation:



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Open Mic – Summary APM Values

What are the APM values brought to your organization?



High costs of application maintenance, alignment and redundancy against business capabilities, and the pursuit of efficient application lifecycles drive us to look at Application Portfolio Management so that we can:

- Manage the Cost of IT
- Ensure Business Capability Value
- Quantify an applications value based on stability, quality, and maintainability
- Provide the best solutions for our customers
- Utilize our resources more efficiently
- Determine where we can automate a business capability that is currently a manual process

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Questions?





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