



Application Portfolio Management

Speedware's Application Portfolio Management (APM) solutions take the guesswork out of how to allocate IT resources, guiding your company towards more informed decision-making.

The role of today's CIO has changed to include a broader responsibility for improving business processes and controlling costs. They are expected to align their IT strategies with business strategies, demonstrate the value of IT to improve workforce performance and deliver projects that will enable growth. One of the challenges facing today's CIO is the lack of detailed and accurate information about the enterprise applications, including how maintenance resources are spent, on which applications and for what reasons.

What Can APM Do for You?

Application Portfolio Management (APM) solutions provide detailed information on the condition of your IT environment and the applications that are running your business. Using this information, you can modernize your application portfolio to improve the management of application assets across the whole enterprise, respond quickly to business needs and reduce the total cost of ownership.

Speedware Provides the Information You Need

Speedware APM solutions analyze your current application portfolio in relation to your company's specific business objectives and needs. We then develop fact-based metrics that illustrate how well your application strategies align with these business goals. With a plan customized for your organization, Speedware helps improve that alignment by identifying which applications should be modernized, replaced or eliminated.

Speedware APM solutions empower you to allocate IT resources according to how much value an application brings to your business. Applications that are high in cost and complexity but low in business value may be retired, leading to a reduction in application maintenance costs and the ability to redirect funds into new development projects.

Benefits for the Entire Organization

Speedware's APM solutions can provide your organization with a variety of benefits including:

- **Reduction in maintenance costs:** With access to key application maintenance metrics, you can manage IT activity more efficiently. This leads to increased productivity and a reduction in maintenance costs.
- **Improved IT resource allocation:** APM solutions help identify wasted maintenance efforts, allocate IT resources according to an application's business value and ensure that all IT activities are performed efficiently.
- **Improved quality of application portfolio code:** Complex programs are more difficult and costly to maintain. APM software can assess application quality to improve programming quality and maximize application maintenance efficiency.
- **Increased programmer productivity and reduced risk:** With APM, programmers obtain tools and information that allow them to assess and visualize application and program relationships, evaluate and estimate the impact of a code change across the application portfolio. (APM impact analysis tools can result in up to 30% more productivity).
- **Improved management of outsourcing:** With APM software, companies can leverage fact-based APM metrics and outsourcing data to assess, monitor and control outsourced application maintenance costs and verify that maintenance efforts are done according to individual Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

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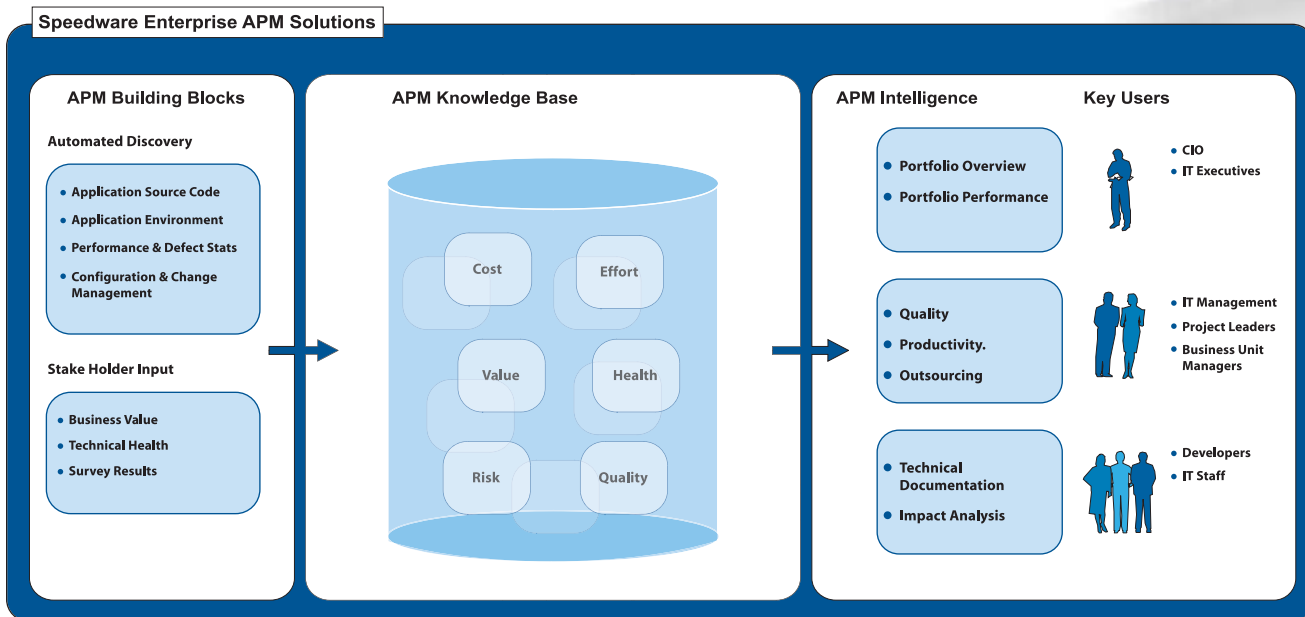
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Speedware's APM Process

- **APM Building Blocks:** Information about the enterprise's applications, their use and the cost and resources associated to them, is gathered from various sources such as stakeholders and executives, interfaces to other systems and application source code.
- **APM Knowledge Base:** A comprehensive inventory is developed and includes application relationships and dependencies, application complexity and quality and their strategic business value.

- **APM Intelligence:** APM produces dashboards, reports and metrics that deliver vital information to the different types of end-users, from CIOs to developers.

With our APM solutions, Speedware, points you in the right direction and takes the guesswork out of decision-making.



About Speedware

Speedware Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Activant Solutions Inc., is a leading provider of enterprise software solutions. The company provides a complete suite of legacy modernization and migration solutions, business intelligence tools and application development solutions. Speedware has been dedicated to helping companies modernize their business applications for over 30 years. With a distribution network spanning 35 countries, Speedware offers market leaders end-to-end solutions that allow them to react quickly to the needs of a changing business.

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