

Application Portfolio Management Service

Set the foundation for smart application transformation.

We live in the age of applications. Your application portfolio is critically important to the success of your business strategy, yet many companies have little to no visibility into theirs. This is a serious roadblock for any application transformation agenda that aims to:

- Rationalize your portfolio to remove redundancies and duplication
- Modernize it by replacing applications with SaaS solutions or moving them to the cloud
- Consolidate applications to reduce the cost of software and labor
- Transform applications to adjust to changing business needs

The fact is that you must have an accurate inventory of applications and a clear understanding of various application facts: cost, value, user count, technical composition, business processes supported, and interdependencies, to name but a few.

Micro Focus® Application Portfolio Management Service from Micro Focus Professional Services combines the power of Micro Focus Project and Portfolio Management (PPM) and our pre-built content and recommended practices to provide you with a fast path toward being able to analyze your application portfolio to make fact-based decisions about its future.

Benefits

- Accelerate time-to-value with our unique RDP implementation accelerator

- Leverage our recommended practices, with expert, side-by-side coaching
- Enable your application agenda with better decision-making based on greater insight into your application portfolio, delivered through smart analytics and dashboards
- Align investment decisions to business priorities
- Set a solid foundation for ongoing governance of business events such as M&A, divestiture, IT strategy change, and sourcing strategy change

Capabilities

Managing your application portfolio requires a set of capabilities—provided by the Application Portfolio Management module (APM module) of PPM—for you to make informed application rationalization decisions and align the portfolio footprint with your business goals.

Discover

Create a centralized repository of applications and their associated facts: costs, business processes, organizations, owners, etc.

Analyze

Document application needs and map them to supporting artifacts in the enterprise application portfolio.

Manage

Establish the application objectives and metrics relevant to your business priorities.

Modernize

Create, evaluate and approve application proposals, then govern execution of the resulting projects.

Track

Continuously evaluate your portfolio with information and knowledge at your fingertips in the form of customizable reports, graphs, and dashboards.

Overview

Micro Focus Application Portfolio Management Service implements the capabilities delivered by the APM module of PPM. Throughout the implementation, we work with you side by side and coach your team, sharing our recommended practices to advance your team's self-sufficiency in using, configuring, and maintaining your solution.

Discovery

This is the first and most essential step: creating an accurate inventory of your applications. We accomplish this using a variety of techniques:

- Automated discovery using Micro Focus UCMDB
- Surveys and questionnaires to application owners
- Integration to and data import from existing databases such as asset registers, enterprise architecture repository, financial systems, or other CMDBs.



Figure 1. Dashboard Shared Portfolio View

Application Facts

Once you have inventoried your applications, you need to attach to each one a set of facts that will form the basis of any future analysis. These include attributes such as business processes, organizations, owners, cost, value, user count, technical composition, and interdependencies.

Our prescriptive Rapid Deployment Pack (RDP) includes recommended practices gleaned from the multitude of projects we have delivered over the years. Our consultants use these practices to guide you, help define the relevant facts (based on your objectives), and accelerate the data-collection process.

Analysis

Our RDP also includes product content that enhances the out-of-the-box functionality. These include features such as:

- Enhanced, role-based dashboards and reports (e.g. TCO analysis)

- Enhanced application scorecards
- Application and survey forms
- Process digitization templates

We deploy this content and guide you in using the APM module to:

- Group and classify applications
- Analyze and compare applications
- Create application roadmaps showing future cost/benefit
- Prepare proposals to rationalize specific applications

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The Professional Services Difference

Micro Focus provides unmatched capabilities with a comprehensive set of consulting and implementation services and unique intellectual property that help you drive innovation through streamlined and efficient software delivery:

- Proven Micro Focus software solution implementation expertise
- More than 20 years of experience helping large, complex, global organizations realize value from their Micro Focus software investments
- Rich intellectual property and unparalleled reach into product engineering
- Technology-agnostic implementation approach with no vendor lock-in, no rip-and-replace
- Education and support services to ensure adoption

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