Lower Costs and Increase
Business Agility through
Application Portfolio Management

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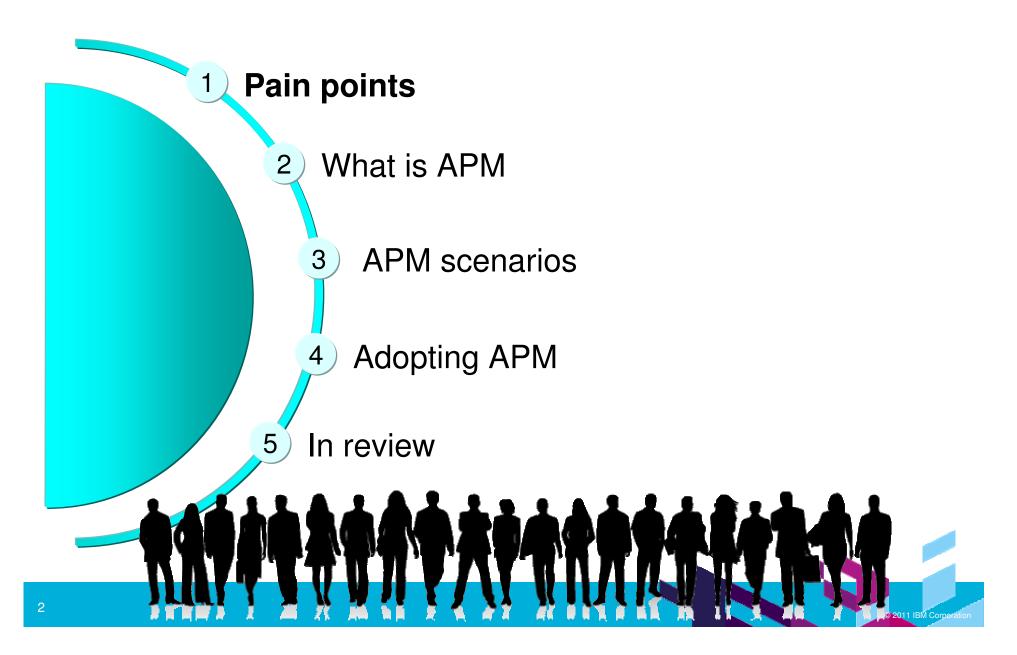
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### The problem

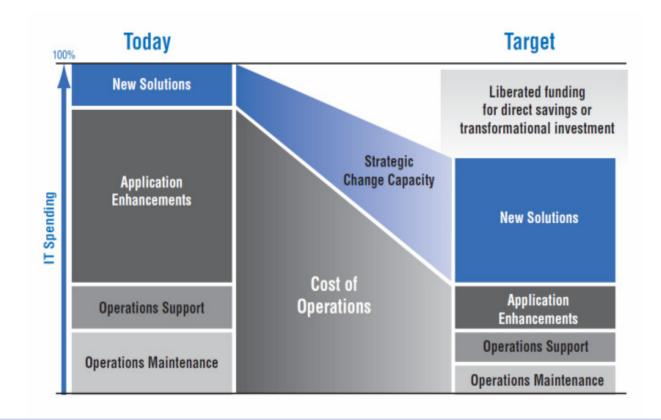
- Cost 80/20 budget trap
  - Keeping lights on consumes a significant % of a declining IT budget, limiting funds available for new initiatives
- **Business Agility** 
  - Brittle and tightly coupled architectures, unwarranted complexity, and proliferation of technologies limit code mobility
- Risk / Supportability
  - Skills erosion. baby boomer retirements, and aging technology



Customers are spending billions on maintaining business apps. APM can aid in cutting cost as well as provide a framework for managing investments in apps to get out of the 80/20 budget trap.



### Impact: Insufficient spend on strategic projects



"A large UK bank initiated its APM effort to take a 90:10 ratio for run-the-bank / grow-the-bank down to a more reasonable 40:60 ratio. Dell shifted its maintenance-to-innovation ratio from 80:20 to 50:50."

- The Application Portfolio Management Landscape — Combine Process And Tools To Tame The Beast, Phil Murphy, Forrester Research, Inc. April 15, 2011





### Solving the problems requires a different approach....

"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."

- Albert Einstein

Addressing the problem requires an asset (application) portfolio approach to complement the traditional project portfolio approach

### **Project Portfolio Management**

- Commonly used in mature companies
- Provides executives (only)
  - control over 20% of this year's budget,
  - ability to affect this year's project proposals.

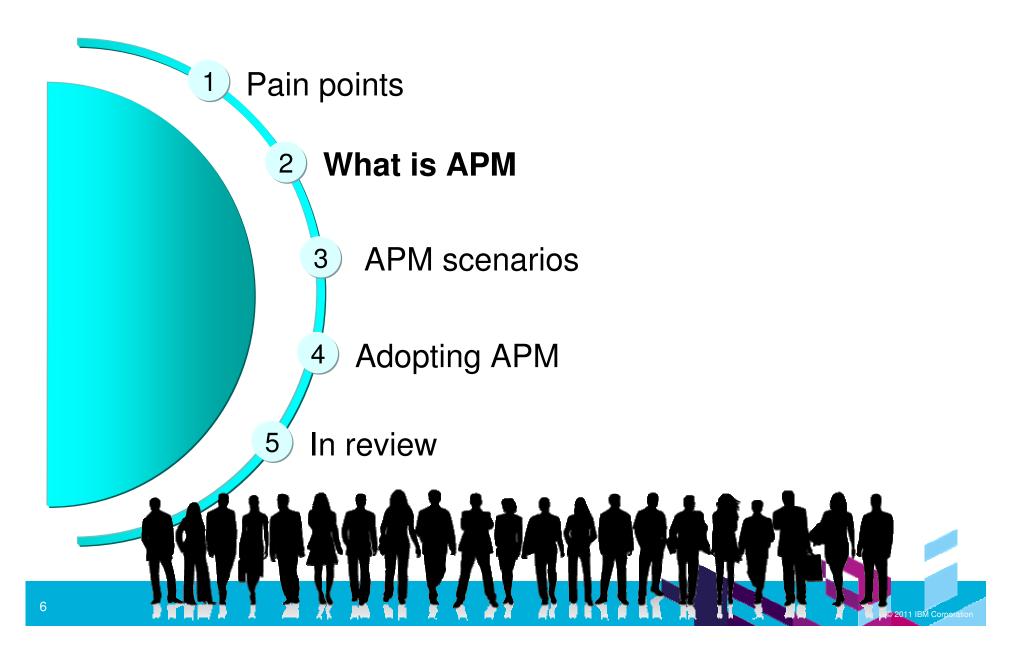
#### **Application Portfolio Management**

- Used effectively by only a few leaders
- Provides executives
  - multi-year control over 80% of the budget,
  - ability to generate new project proposals such as structural changes to address problems faced.





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## A Definition of Application Portfolio Management

Application portfolio management (APM) is a repeating process using information and analytics that produces objective and transparent decisions around investing, consolidating, modernizing, or replacing applications.

#### Benefits:

- Reduce costs and optimize value
- Increase speed-to-deployment and speed-to-market
- Reduce risk associated with technology or resources
- Align the application portfolio with business strategies
- Implement shared services

"Making IT resource consumption transparent and understandable to business leaders enables healthy business discussions around how to shift resources to where they will do the most good for the whole business."

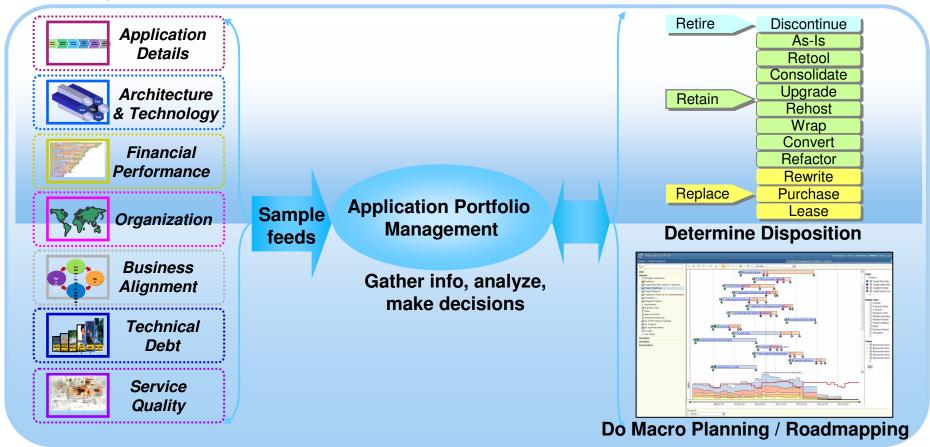
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-Define "Application" Based On Your Content To Avoid False Starts In Your Rationalization Efforts, Forrester Research, Inc., January 26, 2011



### Solution: Well-defined process with information feeds

Effectively translate business needs to executable roadmaps



**Enabled through maturing analytics: Qualitative** ⇒ **Quantitative** ⇒ **Predictive** 



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Architecture & Technology



Financial Performance



Organization



**Business** Alignment



Technical Debt

#### **Areas of Concerns**

Risk exposure? Application dependencies?

Where does my IT budget go? Which apps increase operations costs?

Skills risk exposure due to retirements?

Which applications are business critical? Are my systems compliant?

Which systems hinders my business agility?

#### **Typical Actions**

Re-vitalize

Optimize funding

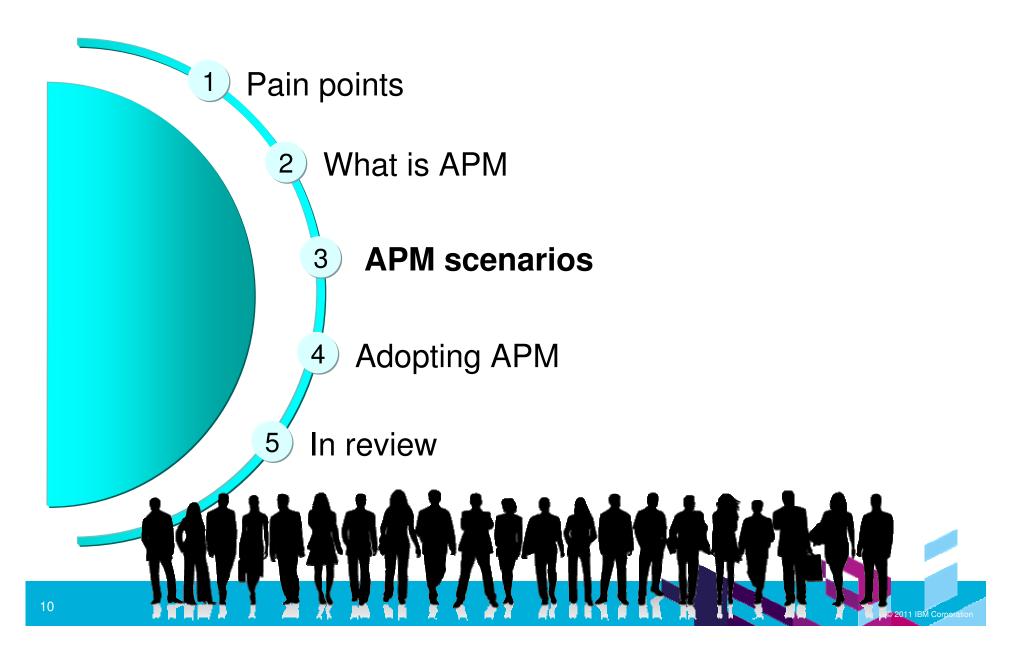
Proactive technology or personnel decisions Sourcing options

Re-vitalize or Replace

Re-factor



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### **Budget Planning Scenario**



Jane - CIO

- Jane is preparing her annual IT budget
- As an executive, she's compensated on controlling IT's costs and delivering proven value to the business's bottom line
- She has to determine how to distribute operational budget between departments and their associated applications
- She also has to determine which funding requests to approve
- Finally, she needs to address any risks and trouble areas in her portfolio that could lead to outages, lost data, performance problems, out of control costs, etc.





## APM Dashboard – Application Performance

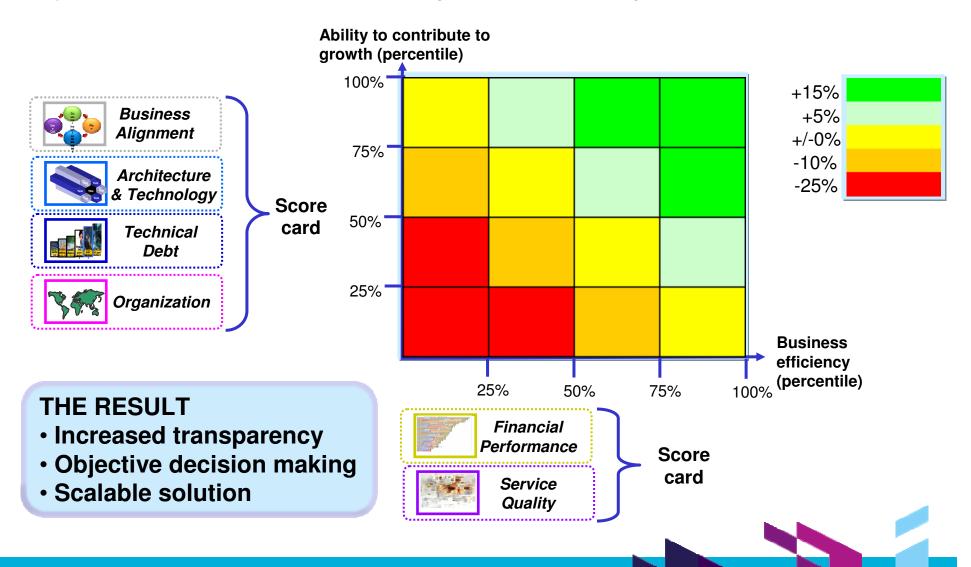
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Active Risk Manager	Sales portfolio	🔷 4 stars	10,600	0
AutoFit	Senterprise Application Portfolio	🔷 2 stars	86,700	0
Billing	Se Finance Portfolio	🔷 1 star	608,000	0
GOLedger	Se Finance Portfolio	🔷 4 stars	42,400	0
Ledger	Se Finance Portfolio	♦ 5 stars	616,900	0

- •This dashboard lists all the applications in Jane's portfolio
- •It rates the applications from one to five stars, where a five star application represents a high performer and a one star app represents a poor performer
- •These ratings are calculated from a number of analytics including financial performance, technical information, organization, etc.



### Applying Analytics to Determine Funding Levels

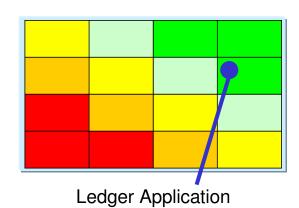
Propose investment levels based on alignment with strategic initiatives



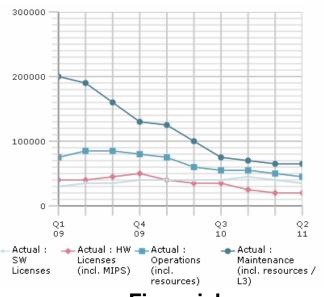


## **Budget and Planning: Ledger Application**

**Favorable business assessment** Trend: Financials, operations headcount and development headcount have decreased.









**Business Score** 

**Financials** 

**Staffing Profile** 

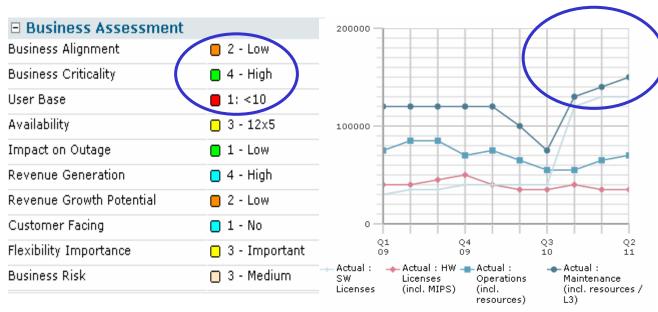


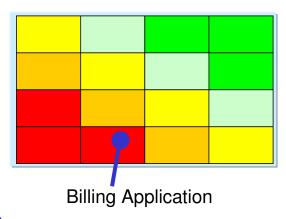


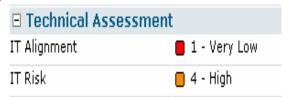
## Budget and Planning: Billing Application

Declining rating, low usage, poor business and IT alignment.

**Trend: Maintenance and SW licensing cost** trending upwards.







**Business Score** 

**Financials** 

**Technical Assessment** 



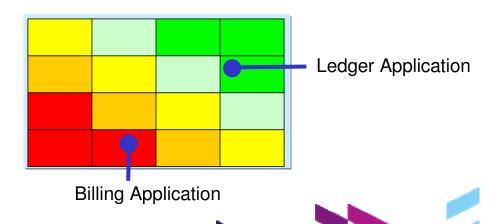


### Determine Investment Levels and Need for Additional Analysis



Jane - CIO

- After reviewing the data, Jane decides to fund additional enhancements to the ledger application.
- She also flags the billing application for additional analysis
- She tasks one of her staff to dig into the business alignment scores and software costs for the billing application





### Assess Alternatives for Remediation



Bob - Analyst

- Bob is tasked with figuring out what is going wrong with the Billing application.
- He also needs to evaluate what actions need to be performed to bring the application's rating up.





### Retire, Retain, Replace – What Are the Options

There are a spectrum of strategies

Retire Discontinue As-Is Retool Consolidate Upgrade Retain Rehost Wrap Convert Refactor Rewrite Replace **Purchase** Lease

The business drivers is one of several drivers for selecting which modernization strategy is the most appropriate

	Modernization Strategy						
<b>Business Drivers</b>	Re-host	Wrap	Convert	Refactor	Re-tool	Rewrite	
Operations Costs							
MIPS Cost							
Maintenance Cost							
License Costs							
Time to Market							
Personnel Risk							
Technology Risk							
Implementation Cost							

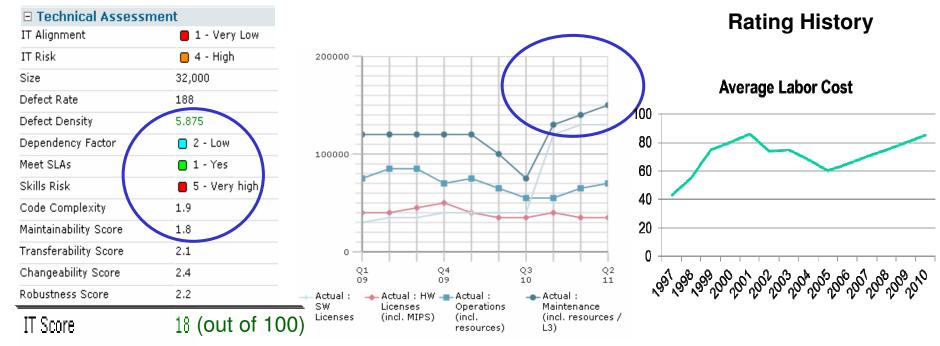
Remediation projects needs to be assessed based on their contribution to business drivers vs. project cost and execution risk



## Budget and Planning: Billing Application

**Vendor increased SW licensing cost** by 120% in the last two years. Labor cost increases due to skills exposure. Low code quality, brittle architecture.





**Financials** 

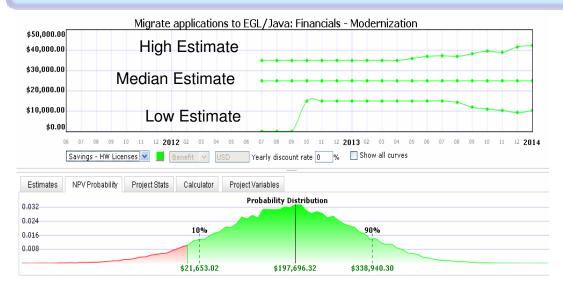
**Labor Cost** 



## Determining the business case for migration

Applying analytics to understand benefits vs. cost and risk

### Option analysis: Migrate from Natural / Adabas to EGL or replace with ERP?



- Model uncertainty (risk) of your benefit and cost stream
- Calculate Net Present Value (NPV) of doing a migration
- Assess which alternative provides the most favorable NPV

	Cost	Risk
Migrate to EGL	\$1.5 / loc	Inherited technical debt, less agile system
Replace with ERP module	\$3 / loc	Package will require large amounts of customization



### Review Project and Establish Execution Roadmap

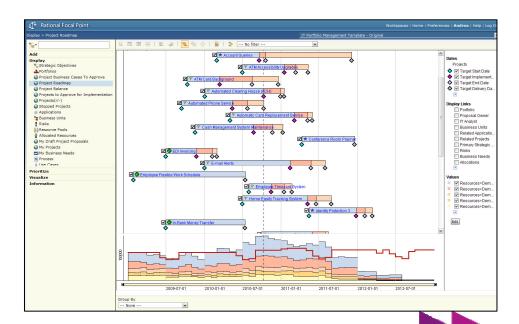


Jane - CIO



Bob - Analyst

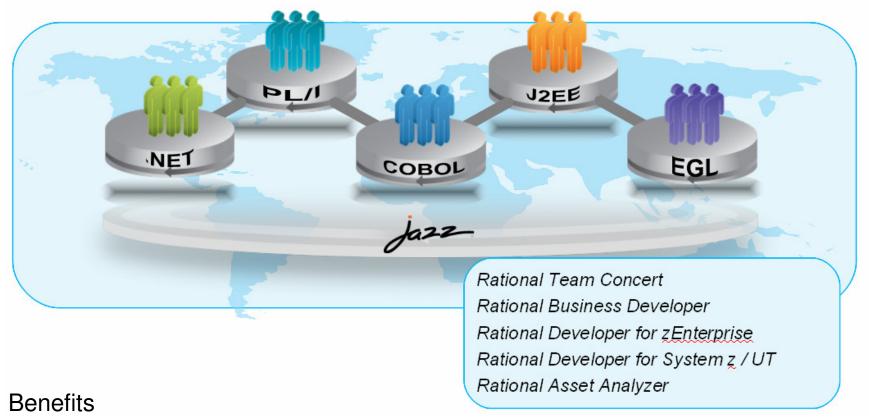
- Bob presents the findings along with the business case to Jane
- Jane is able to model the impacts of revitalization project to determine the budgetary impact
- Jane selects the migration approach





## Execute with collaborative application lifecycle management

Deploy new, common team infrastructure to manage modernization projects



- Improved communication, higher quality, informed decision making, and more automated, transparent, and predictable software development
- Support for re-platforming, UI modernization, conversion, refactoring, and rewriting



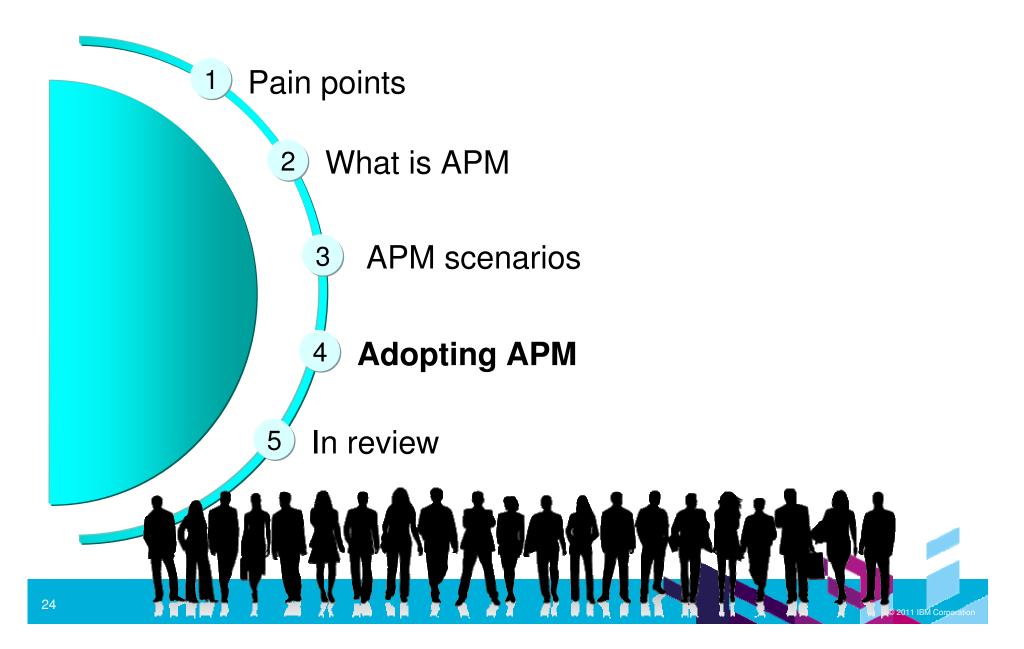
### **Monitor Projects**

### Integrated Portfolio and Application Lifecycle Management

- Monitor portfolio progress in Focal Point with -
  - Overall portfolio progress
  - Cost and schedule variances



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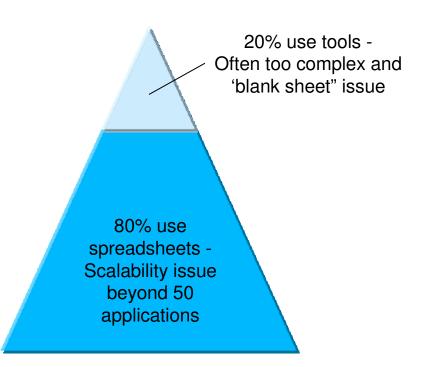




### Adoption of APM: Industry Maturity

"Business leaders demand that IT leaders "do more with less" to free resources for innovation and growth. Applications professionals are turning to application portfolio management (APM) to meet those challenges"

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The market situation opens an opportunity for leaders to differentiate themselves from laggards





## Adopting APM: Start Small and Expand

### Sample evolution of the maturity of an APM solution

#### Value

#### Apply predictive analysis to optimize decision making

· Example: Leverage application analytics to understand that the deteriorating quality of an outsourced application will likely lead to radically increased application lifecycle cost

#### Influence investment decisions of applications

- Example: Validate that a proposed investment makes sense based on the data provided through the APM repository
- Example: Produce business case showcasing the value of a migration to operation and maintenance expenses.

#### Drive rationalization of application portfolio

· Example: Which applications may be most prone to rationalization?

#### Produce an application inventory

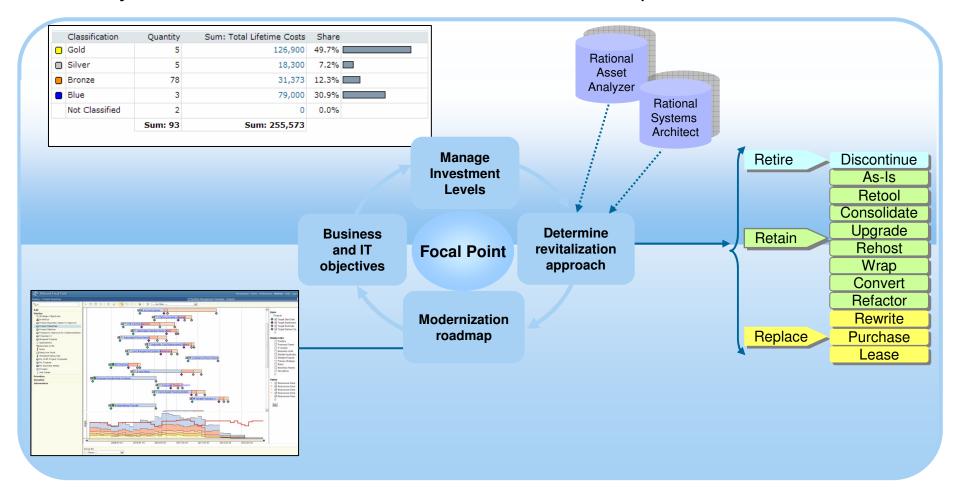
• Example: What applications do we have and who sponsors them?

**Time To Value** 



### Solution: Entry-level solution based on Focal Point

Effectively translate business needs to executable roadmaps

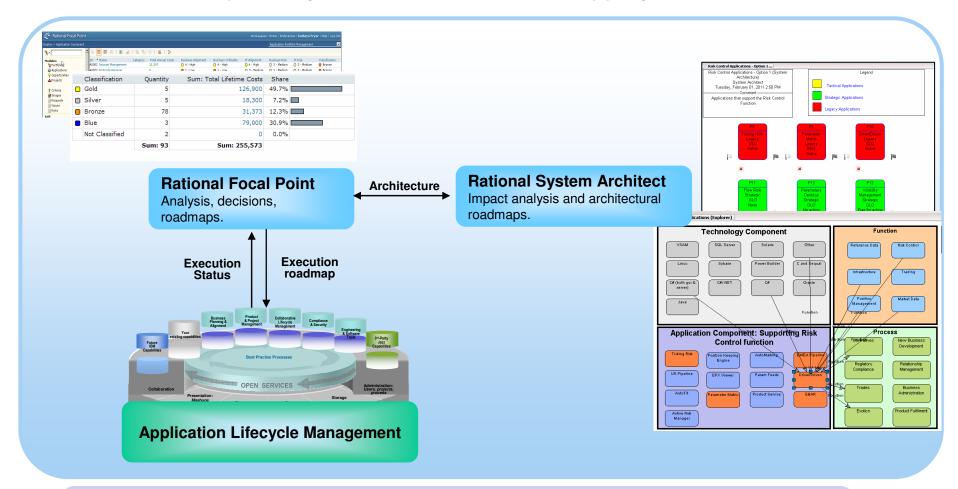


Out-of-the-box workflows, information model and analytics



## Solution: Application Rationalization through Smarter APM

Combine business planning with architectural roadmapping



**Extend Enterprise Architecture with APM to enable Smarter APM** 

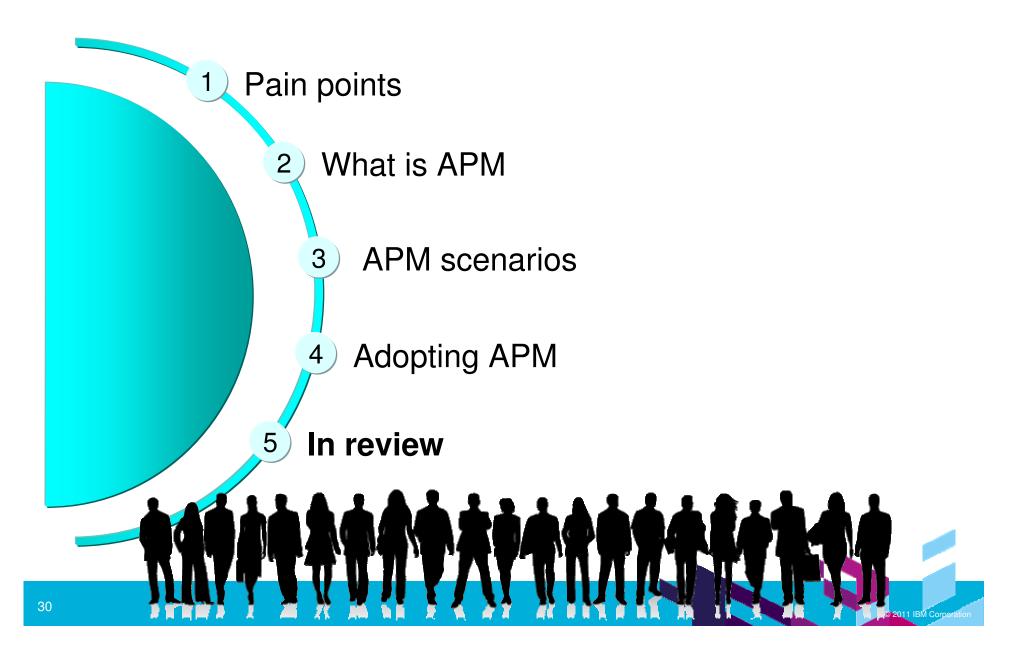




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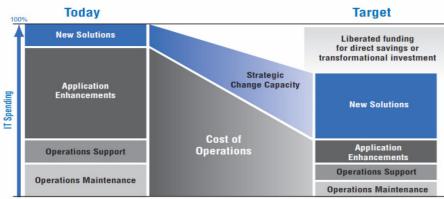


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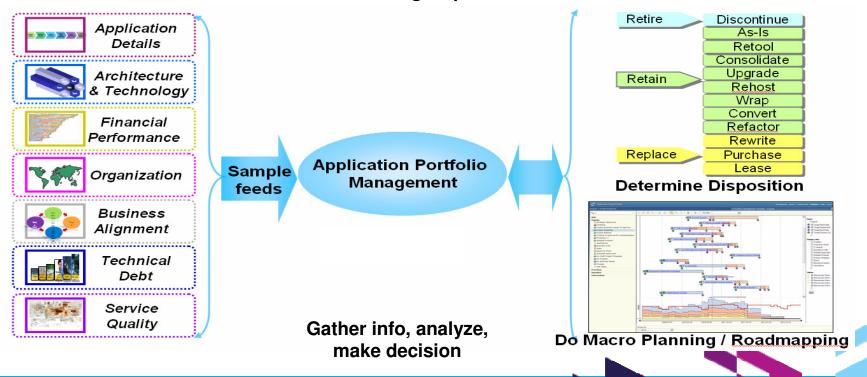




#### In Review



#### Increase strategic spend





#### Resources

- IBM Rational's Information Model (a Focal Point workspace) for Application Portfolio Management is available on request
- Article: Application Portfolio Management: New Path to Strength and Innovation, Hayden Lindsey

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## Vision: Enterprise Application Portfolio Management

Monitor, Analyze, Decide, Execute

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