



HP Unveils Updated Quality Management Software for Application Modernization

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 9, 2008 – HP today announced a major new release of [HP Quality Center](#), designed to help IT organizations achieve greater success in their application modernization projects through better management of the application life cycle.

At [HP Software Universe](#), its annual users' conference, in Vienna, Austria, HP [introduced](#) HP Quality Center 10.0 to help customers more rapidly respond to changing market conditions and competitive pressures by modernizing their applications quickly and cost-effectively.

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"To create more efficient business processes, organizations are updating the applications that underpin them with more agile architectures," said Jonathan Rende, vice president and general manager, BTO Applications, Software and Solutions, HP. "We are building on our quality management heritage to help customers deal with immediate cost-cutting mandates as well as create a foundation that will support rapid innovation to fuel future growth."

The new offerings help customers:

- Focus investments on the right projects and retire those that don't offer clear business value through integration with [HP Project and Portfolio Management](#) software.
- Ensure the success of approved projects by properly capturing business requirements and driving project execution against those requirements.
- Decrease costs and enhance the reliability of applications by consolidating disparate release activities into a "release train" model and enabling sharing of assets across projects.
- Lower labor costs through the effective coordination and utilization of outsourced staff across the entire application life cycle.
- Lower costs through delivery via [HP Software-as-a-Service](#) (SaaS), allowing customers to get up and running quickly while reducing or eliminating software and hardware capital expenditures.

Smarter management of the application life cycle [HP Quality Center 10.0](#) is a major release that allows customers to deliver high-quality software applications – from simple, stand-alone projects to composite applications that comprise dozens of interdependent applications and services. New features help customers:

- Manage enterprise-wide, complex initiatives – including those that span many applications and globally distributed teams. It provides robust new features that enable the sharing of requirements, test assets and defects. In addition, centralized reporting and enforcement of standardized best practices help ensure the success of complex projects.
- Provide greater discipline for managing application changes throughout the life cycle with rich baseline and version control features for requirements, tests and test assets.
- Improve quality processes for organizations of diverse sizes and needs. HP provides offerings to address those who are just getting started (HP Quality Center Starter Edition), those with established quality processes (HP Quality Center Enterprise Edition), and those who are looking to implement a Quality Center of Excellence (HP Quality Center Premier Edition).

HP Quality Center used in conjunction with HP Project Portfolio Management Center helps customers set up an IT shared service (Quality Center of Excellence) to better manage complex application modernization projects. This helps customers:

- Make prudent portfolio decisions about which application initiatives to invest in and which to retire based on what will provide the most value to the business.
- Prioritize the allocation of resources – both people and equipment – to increase efficiency.
- Manage across the entire application life cycle to keep projects on track – from proposal to production – complete with workflow, demand, project and resource management.

“With quality assurance teams servicing thousands of users in over a dozen business units, HP Quality Center is helping us standardize processes, solutions and infrastructure as we move to a Quality Center of Excellence,” said Mark Ford, senior IT system analyst, Principal Financial Group. “This increases collaboration between groups, enables flexibility to move personnel between projects, provides management level visibility across application releases, and helps us improve our deployments across the enterprise.”

HP Quality Center 10.0 will be available January 2009 as a licensed software product for customers to host in-house and through HP SaaS for a multi-tenant, on-demand delivery model. With HP SaaS, customers can quickly and cost-effectively set up a comprehensive quality management program to validate application functionality, performance and security. In addition, EDS Testing and Quality Assurance Services provide an end-to-end consulting service for application quality management based on HP Quality Center 10.0.

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