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Application Migration Checklist

Checklist for planning an application migration project for legacy apps.

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The Planning Process



Framing Discussion and Project Definition with stakeholders Daily checkpoint

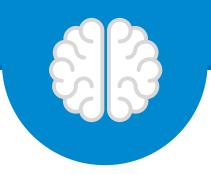


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Framing Discussion and Project

Introduce migration team and migration methodology

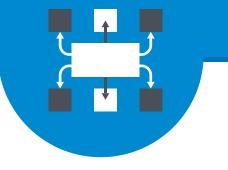
- Outline scope of the project
- Expectations and scope of project
- Assess the effort required
- Roles and responsibilities
- Review goals for migration
- Outline process and points of contact



Understanding the Environment

IT infrastructure

- Process analysis (roles, projects, QA process, configuration)
- Hardware & platforms
- Software (dev environment, third party software & components, OS)
- Application development process and environment
- Application maintenance
- Application business use cases
- Network performance, bottlenecks, threats, communication schemas, protocols, intranet/extranet/vpn
- System components, batch processes
- User interface requirements



Application Functionality

Detailed view of application to be migrated

- General application description
- Application functionality
- Application flow
- Interfaces and dependencies with other systems
- Use cases

Approach

- Source code analysis
- Potential automation opportunities
- Size metrics
 - Lines of code
 - Number of statements
 - Number of components
 - Number of comment lines
 - Size of each element

Usage metrics

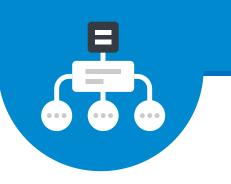
- Frequency of use of each statement
- Frequency of use of types
- Frequency of use of each function
- Frequency of use of each data file, data field, source file





Architecture Deep Dive

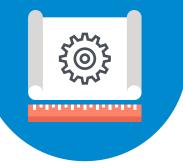
- Security profile, restrictions, procedures, policies
- Development environment, dev tools, versions, control processes
- Database environment, direct storage, formatted files, web services
- Servers, manufacturer, OS
- Deployment process, tools, requirements, limitations, concerns
- Operations, usage requirements, constraints
- Manuals, user and technical manuals, software, network, db designs, configuration, source code



Migration Resource Analysis

Project deadlines

- Resources required and availability
- Release dates
- Development processes
- Definition of the project goals and priorities
- Problems to solve with the migration
- Alternative options
- Critical success factors





Test Cases and Testing Policy

- Application testing strategy
- Application test cases
- QA structure
- QA resources availability
- Migration testing strategy
- Migration QA deadlines, duration and effort
- Test cases methodology
- Test cases documentation and templates
- Testing policy and procedures
- Testing tools



Technical Requirements Inventory

- Application technical requirements
- Application technical issues
- Application features that need to be equivalent on target platform
- Performance requirements
- Naming standard requirements
- Coding standard requirements
- Documentation standards
- Architectural requirements
- Development best practices





End User Requirements Inventory

- Current end user needs
- End user requirements
- Current application issues (from end user point of view)
- Interview representative collection of end users
- Consolidate feedback into functional requirements





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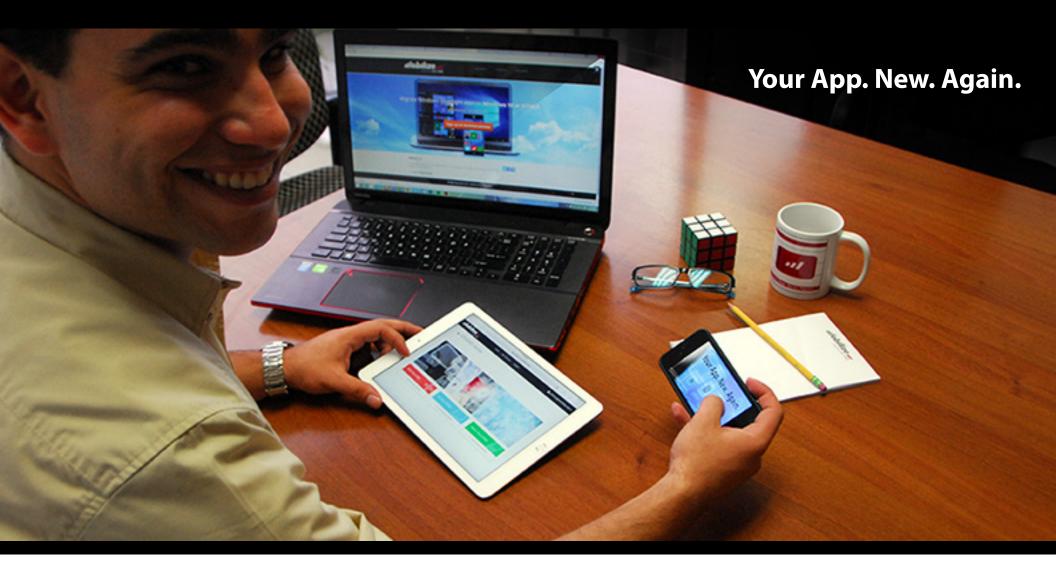
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