

IBM Rational Focal Point QuickStart

Service Overview

- **Server software installation**
- **Targeted training focussed on topics most relevant to your workspace design**
- **Practical guidance on configuring Focal Point**

The IBM Rational® Focal Point™ QuickStart is a combination of training and mentoring designed to provide the information you need to quickly setup, configure and start using Focal Point software for your specific process. The topics are presented as a combination of training, interactive demonstrations and group implementation activities aimed at getting your specific process up and running.

Activities

The Rational Focal Point QuickStart occurs in three parts.

Part 1, a training and scenario-based workshop, takes place over 5 days and includes installation, setup, plus interactive Focal Point software training. This phase finishes with the design and planning of the customer's Focal Point solution implementation activities, which will be accomplished in Part 2. At this time a written action plan is created, which is then maintained by the participants.

Part 2 involves customer implementation, and during this phase workshop participants will refine and extend their workspace with the goal of creating a preliminary, but usable workspace. Open issues are to be addressed in the advanced topics section of Part 3.

Part 3, advanced topics, addresses topics relevant to the design of your process and workspace. In this section the goal is to produce a completed and immediately usable workspace that meets your specific needs and can be easily maintained — and extended by workshop participants.

Assumptions

- It is expected that there will be 4 to 6 total workshop participants.
- End user training of the completed process and workspace will be addressed by the workshop participants.
- All software licenses have been procured and received prior to the start of the workshop.
- All server hardware has been procured and installed to the network that will be accessible by the workshop participants.

Agenda					
5 Days			5 or 10 Days	4 Days	
Part 1 — Hands on training			Part 2 — Preliminary implementation	Part 3 — Tailored implementation	
Install, setup, admin	Workshop topics	Design planning	Customer completes initial workspace configuration	Address open issues	Advanced topics

PART 1 — Hands on training

Setup and installation review

- Review and/or complete server installation as required
- Review backup procedures
- Confirm administrator access working properly

Product management overview

- Product portfolio management
- Market problem identification
- Requirements
- Basic approach to scoring and ranking
- Process used in the scenario

Focal Point conceptual overview

- Repository structure
- User management
- Access control
- Relationships between key Focal Point components: workspaces, modules, views, attributes

Data modeling in Rational Focal Point

- Modules
- Elements
- Attributes
- Types (basic introduction)

Build basic product portfolio management modules

- Market problems module
- Enhancement requests module
- Requirements module

Data links in Focal Point

- Simple links
- Many-to-many links
- Basic business rules
- Calculations and expressions

Building a functional product management data model

- Adding elements to modules
- States using attributes
- Searches and filters
- Module toolbar introduction

Introduce Focal Point views

- Add views
- Display views

Focal Point element ranking

- Criteria
- Sum criteria
- Visualize views

Prioritizing market opportunities

- Criteria
- Pair wise comparison concepts
- Criteria views
- Prioritize views
- Visualize views

Basic release planning

- Saving visualization charts
- Bulk editing

Implementing role security in Rational Focal Point

- Introduction to user security
- Folder structure and inheritance
- Good practices for maintenance

Preparing for Focal Point deployment

- Building homepages
- In tool custom documentation
- Reporting
- Email notifications

Review Focal Point pre-built workspaces (packages)

- Demonstrate each as appropriate
- Discuss suitability for re-use

Plan and design workspace build-out

- Discuss and review overall objectives of the implementation
- Create high level data model, user roles and product management process

PART 2 — Preliminary implementation

- Customer implements workspace design as outlined
- Open issues and questions to be addressed are tracked

PART 3 — Tailored implementation

Review and refine data model

Workspace automation

- Business rules
- Email
- MS Excel import/export

Process definition and enforcement

- States using Focal Point workflow capabilities
- Views
- Homepage design
- Roles and security

Advanced prioritization

- Prioritizing criteria
- Public criteria
- Private criteria

Advanced release planning

Resource allocation

Advanced reviews

Workspace documentation

IT administrative topics

- Updating Focal Point with patches and service packs
- Backup and recovery
- User management and license types

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