

troux ca clarity connection™

CIOs today are under increased pressure to cut costs, align IT to the business and demonstrate financial control. This requires a new approach focused on optimizing IT investment portfolios. Enterprise Architecture (EA) and Project and Portfolio Management (PPM) provide two important views into the IT portfolio – the architecture view and the project view. Troux CA Clarity Connection is the first software integration in the market to bridge the gap between EA and PPM with a solution designed to unite the capabilities of Troux Enterprise Portfolio Management (EPM) solutions and CA Clarity PPM for enhanced IT visibility and control, realignment of IT spending and improved business agility.

Challenges

When it comes to the IT investment portfolio, organizations struggle with several key challenges:

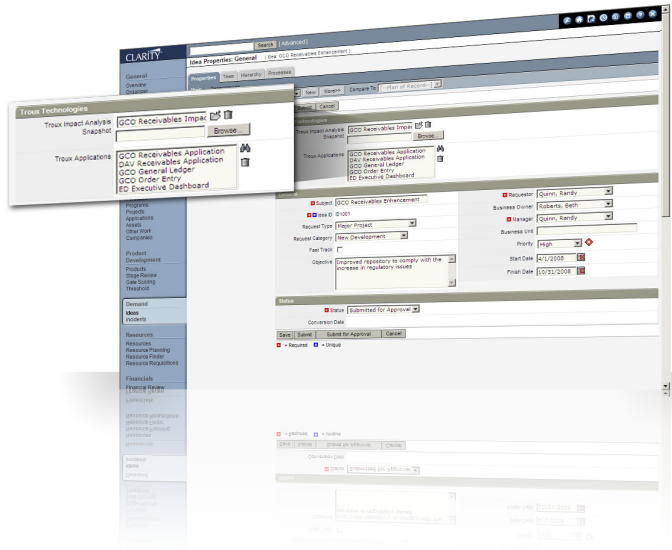
Lack of enterprise visibility: There is no unified view of how IT's investments align with business capabilities and corporate strategies because information about corporate strategies, business capabilities, applications, IT assets, standards, people and projects is often contained in disconnected data silos across the enterprise.

Discretionary projects are underfunded: An overwhelming portion of IT spending goes towards ongoing “keep the lights on” activities, such as software and hardware maintenance. CIOs are in a constant battle to redirect spending to discretionary projects that support the critical growth initiatives of the business.

Lack of insight into total cost of IT ownership: The health of any business is diagnosed through evaluating a core set of financial metrics, such as revenue, cost, and profit. Unlike other aspects of the business, IT struggles to define, implement, and communicate financial metrics for IT, such as total cost of ownership for applications and IT-enabled business services.

THE BOTTOM-LINE: organizations often lack comprehensive visibility and alignment insight needed to effectively manage their IT investment portfolio. Organizations need to combine Enterprise Architecture and Portfolio Project Management through a unified IT governance process.

- Understand total cost of IT ownership** – Within CA Clarity, a portfolio of business-centric IT services can be created and analyzed. Business services represent a rollup of applications, assets, infrastructure, projects, labor and costs that are required for service delivery. With the Troux CA Clarity Connection, enterprises can leverage Troux to get a comprehensive view of the bill of materials that make up a given business service. Troux aggregates contextualized data across heterogeneous sources of record for planning information across the IT ecosystem.



Troux CA Clarity Connection provides unprecedented visibility into what it takes to deliver the services demanded by business stakeholders. This becomes a powerful communication vehicle to educate the business on the costs, complexity, and chargebacks associated with fulfilling business demand.

Architecture intelligence (such as alignment to the business architecture and impact analysis) from Troux can help PMO make better funding decisions and more optimal prioritization across the IT portfolio.



Application and asset information from the Troux Enterprise Portfolio Management Platform can flow into CA Clarity for the documentation of business services and to support services portfolio analysis.

Results

Troux CA Clarity Connection helps organizations unite the capabilities of PPM and Enterprise Architecture for enhanced IT investment portfolio planning, analysis and control.

Reduce Costs

- Uncover where IT investments are misaligned with business strategy
- Prioritize project spending based on alignment to business architecture and IT roadmap
- Understand total cost of ownership for the services that IT delivers to the business

Minimize Risks

- Establish a common language between IT and the business
- Eliminate redundant, low-value or non-strategic applications
- Achieve better project governance and mitigate delivery risks

Enhance Agility

- Compress project planning cycles to improve time-to-market on business initiatives
- Maximize technology reuse to eliminate redundancies across IT projects
- Accelerate business/IT transformation initiatives

Troux CA Clarity Connection

- Provides bi-directional integration
- Supports multiple CA Clarity instance data sources
- Supplies administration of on-demand or scheduled synchronizations
- Leverages CA Clarity standard Web services interface (XML Open Gateway)
- CA Smart Certification



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