New CAST AIP automates continuous measurement and benchmarking of core applications

Integrated industry benchmarking database gives business leaders insight into how their software risks stack up against competition

New York, NY—September 24, 2013—With so many major IT outages occurring this year, organizations are realizing the importance of tracking the software quality and risk metrics of their core business applications to keep them robust and reliable. It's proven difficult for most practitioners to collect relevant risk metrics, and even more difficult to put them in context. That changes today with the introduction of a new capability for CIOs to benchmark the quality of their applications against competitors in their industry, as well as ease the burden of analyzing and measuring the software structure of enterprise-sized applications.

The new Application Intelligence Platform 7.1 (AIP) from CAST,(Euronext: CAS) a world leader in software analysis and measurement, gives IT managers a brand new look at the security, robustness, health, and reliability of software systems across their industry. And with the addition of a new Delivery Management Tool, customers will be able to upload their source directly within the CAST AIP portal with the press of a button.

"Organizations that are serious about measuring the structural integrity of critical applications or deploying architectural governance to manage software-driven cost and risk should consider an enterprise grade software quality analysis and measurement solution," said Melinda Ballou, Program Director for the Application Lifecycle Management and Executive Strategies Service at IDC. "CAST has been working on these kinds of problems for a long time and has solutions that could be relevant to many organizations."

AIP 7.1 comes to market with several important enhancements that ease enterprise-level software analysis, including enhanced configuration management, a new custom reporting engine, an extended API, and advanced source code delivery automation. These new capabilities turn AIP into the closest the market has seen to a fully automated, plug-and-play solution for the enterprise. The updated dashboard—currently in beta—is also available on tablet and mobile devices for executives who require up-to-the-minute application analytics on the go.

"I'm sure the CEOs of NASDAQ, Knight Capital, American Airlines and Sabre wished they had CAST AIP 7.1 pointed at their critical IT systems before they crashed and made headlines, tarnished their image, and sent their stocks plummeting," said Dr. Bill Curtis, chief scientist at CAST. "Every one of these companies could have benefited from having the latest AIP dashboard on the CEO's desk. I'm confident none of these failures would have happened if they had been able to see this train coming before it went off the rails."

The new reporting capability uses the extended, REST-ful web service API, linking preconfigured templates in MS Word to the AIP knowledgebase. To customize additional reports, the customer simply has to configure a new MS Word template, connect the fields to those available via the API, and hit go.

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A new level of source code delivery automation is introduced in the Delivery Management Tool (DMT). The DMT plugs into all forms of source code management and build management tooling. Integrations to major tools are available on the CAST Customer Forum, exotic or custom tools are integrated by scripting. The DMT then orchestrates collection of all source code elements needed to fully represent a snapshot of an application. DMT automatically checks the completeness of the application, ensuring apples-to-apples analyses between snapshots – an issue that's critical when implementing enterprise-grade software measurement.

In its latest incarnation, AIP provides advanced application analytics for decision support, software risk prevention, and application visibility unavailable to this point at the enterprise level. AIP v7.1 has been in beta deployment over the summer and is generally available as of September 24.

About CAST
CAST is a pioneer and world leader in Software Analysis and Measurement, with unique technology resulting from more than $100 million in R&D investment. CAST introduces fact-based transparency into application development and sourcing to transform it into a management discipline. More than 250 companies across all industry sectors and geographies rely on CAST to prevent business disruption while reducing hard IT costs. CAST is an integral part of software delivery and maintenance at the world's leading IT service providers. Founded in 1990, CAST is listed on NYSE-Euronext (Euronext: CAS) and serves IT intensive enterprises worldwide with a network of offices in North America, Europe and India.

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