

# Integrated Solution Overview: CA PPM and CA Agile Central



## At a Glance

Keeping up with the new pace of change requires building agility into your business to adapt to change faster, while carefully overseeing your investments. The integrated solution of CA Project & Portfolio Management (CA PPM) and CA Agile Central (formerly Rally) helps you effectively balance agility and governance by connecting the work of agile teams to your enterprise portfolio. Supporting an evolutionary approach to adopting agile, the solution lets you continue using traditional methods, while growing agile adoption to deliver on portfolio investments faster—with higher quality and predictable business results. A holistic view across all projects helps portfolio managers optimize budgets and resources for maximum return on investment.

### Key Benefits/Results

- **Unify portfolio investment decisions** across all delivery methodologies—agile, waterfall and hybrid.
- **Accelerate time to market and deliver value predictably** with enterprise scale agile practices.
- **Make better portfolio steering decisions** by gaining business visibility into agile delivery status and resource allocations.

### Key Features

- Available for CA PPM customers across all deployment environments: on-premises, on-demand (SaaS) and in a hosted environment.
- Available for CA Agile Central customers across all deployment environments: on-demand (SaaS), and on-premises.
- Gain visibility into the status of agile teams' business deliverables and resource allocations.
- Connect portfolio funding and agile delivery to focus agile teams on the highest-value investments.
- Monitor incremental value delivery from agile teams to redirect funding to where it matters most.

## Business Challenges

**More organizations are adopting agile software development practices** to shorten time to market and deliver value faster. Agile and Lean methodologies such as Scrum and Kanban call for different project management capabilities than traditional ones. Agile teams manage their work in smaller chunks (user stories), in shorter time boxes (two- to three-week sprints) and by focusing on value delivery over resource utilization. When development teams transition to working this way, project managers can lose track of the specific business deliverables agile teams are implementing and as a result, often turn to manual, time-consuming and error-prone spreadsheets to track the progress of business deliverables.

Without an intelligent connection between agile and PPM, and visibility into the agile work and resources, the project management office, finance and executive leaders can't make informed business and investment decisions. Conversely, agile teams find themselves disconnected from the project management office, executive management, business strategy and funding.

As agile adoption grows, so does the need to treat agile delivery as a first-class citizen in the overall portfolio.

## Solution Overview

With its strategic acquisition of Rally, CA Technologies now provides proven way to help customers adopt agile, while maintaining visibility into agile teams' business deliverables and resources. Using the integrated solution, companies can:

- **Unify portfolio investment decisions in a hybrid world.** Equip business leaders with a central place to objectively prioritize and fund the right initiatives across their entire portfolio.
- **Bring financial accountability to agile delivery.** Connect portfolio funding to the execution of business initiatives so the speed of your agile teams makes the highest business impact.
- **Gain visibility into all business deliverables.** In CA PPM, reflect features implemented by agile teams and agile resources to eliminate spreadsheet inefficiencies.
- **Unify project status reporting.** In CA PPM, reflect agile teams' progress alongside the progress of non-agile projects.
- **Focus on adopting the best practices.** Know that the right information and the right amount of information is seamlessly flowing via a secure API-driven integration.

## Critical Differentiators

### Inform portfolio decision making.

Centralizing investments in CA PPM gives portfolio managers greater insights and visibility to optimize investment decisions with available budget and resources.

### Build an agile adoption that matters.

Using enterprise scale agile practices, agile teams can coordinate their work to affect business outcomes with improved software quality and predictable delivery.

### Use one system of record.

A single portfolio view provides the project management office with an accurate picture of status, costs, business deliverables and resource utilization across all project types.

### See business deliverables from agile teams.

As agile teams focus on delivering value, the integrated solution automatically displays business deliverables in CA PPM.

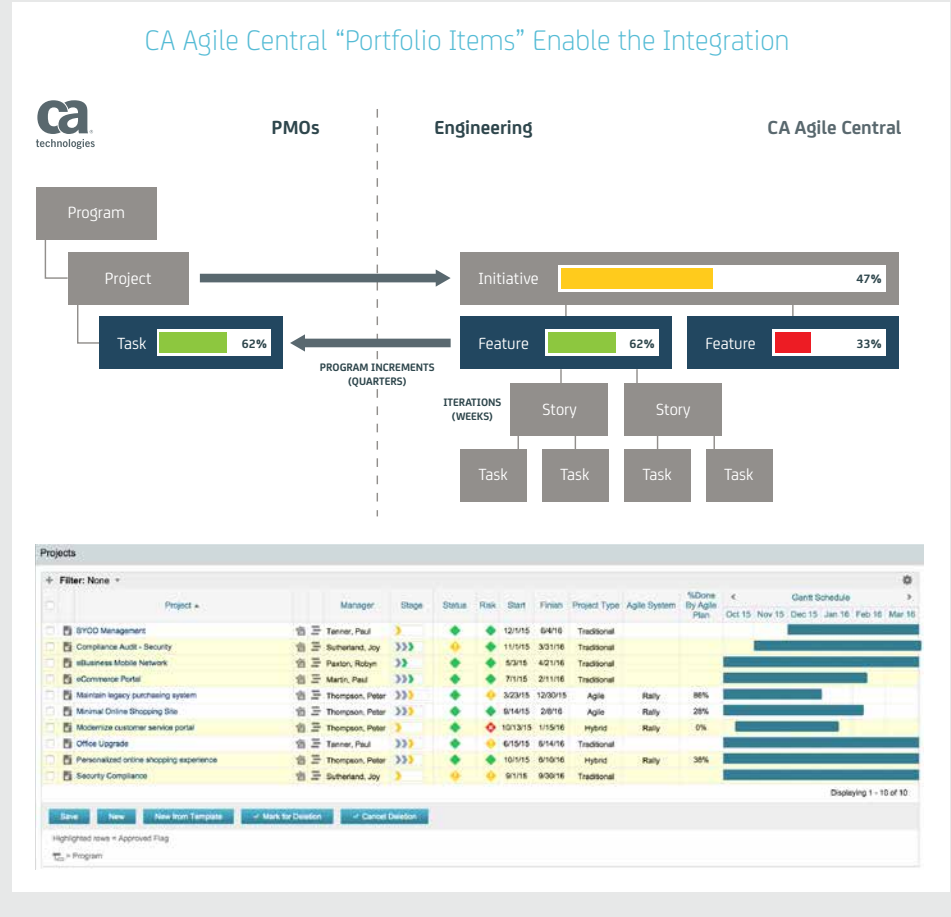
### Eliminate manual spreadsheet updates.

With CA Agile Central's automatic rollups of agile status into business terms, the project management office can stop using cumbersome spreadsheets to manually track agile progress.

### See agile teams' resource allocations.

Resource managers gain complete visibility into resource allocations across agile and non-agile projects.

Fix the disconnect between enterprise portfolio planning and agile delivery by creating a dynamic link between what you're funding and what teams are working on.



### Take advantage of an intelligent connection between PPM and agile.

The integrated solution helps remove friction between business and technology leaders by promoting the right level of interaction between enterprise portfolio planning and agile delivery.

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