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Introduction

1.1 Definition and Purpose of MkII Function Point Analysis

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviation 'Mk II FPA' is used for 'Mark II Function Point Analysis'.

Mk II FPA is a method for the quantitative analysis and measurement of information processing applications. It quantifies the information processing requirements specified by the user to provide a figure that expresses a size of the resulting software product. This size is suitable for the purposes of performance measurement and estimating in relation to the activity associated with the software product

In the context of Mk II FPA, 'information processing requirements' means the set of functions required by the commissioning user of the application software product (excluding any technical and quality requirements). 'The activity' could be the development, enhancement or maintenance of the software product needed to meet the requirements.

The MkII FPA method is intended to comply with ISO/IEC 14143-1: 1998, the International Standard for Functional Size Measurement (see Bibliography).