



Function Point Analysis CPM 4.3: Start-up Guide

Training, Mentoring and Coaching--DCG helps you develop FPA Best Practices

DCG works with all types of organizations to help them develop in-house sizing and estimating capabilities and provides consulting and mentoring support in function point counting. DCG has different implementation models to assist you in developing your functional sizing and estimating capability.

DCG FPA Capability Implementation Programs	
PROGRAM	Features
Essential Skills	<p>DCG will help you to master the fundamentals of functional sizing. Then, when you are ready, you can move-on to advanced techniques. Our courses are used to train individuals and teams as well as trainers. The Essential Skills Program includes, at a minimum, a single 2-day training course followed by (both optional) a course on project estimation and 2 days of coaching and mentoring. The specific configuration is determined by your needs and objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function Point Analysis [2 day course] <p>After the 2 days of training, you will be able to count and estimate functional size. As with all acquired skills, practice makes perfect; we provide additional training on estimation and follow-on coaching (3 to 6 weeks after initial training) and mentoring to reinforce lessons learned using a one-on-one approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Estimation [1 day course] [Optional] • Coaching and Mentoring [2 days] [Optional]
Advanced Counting	<p>After the <u>Essential Skills</u> are in place and your team has acquired actual counting experience (3 to 6 months), DCG will provide training in Advanced Counting Techniques to assist you in managing and measuring software requirements and to perform function point counts in various advanced situations. Furthermore, additional coaching and mentoring can be provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing and Measuring Software Requirements [3 day course] • Advanced FPA [1 day course] • Coaching and Mentoring [2 days] [Optional]



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Certified Capability	<p>DCG can help your software professionals become Certified Function Point Counters. DCG provides training, guidance, and expertise in preparation for the Certification Exam administered by the International Function Point Users Group (IFPUG).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FP Refresher [1 day course] or • Preparation for CFPS Exam [1 day course] <p>Training is provided on-site at your facilities. Up to 25 students can be included in a single classroom setting thereby increasing the value of the training by reducing the cost per student. Training includes a master hard copy of the material for local reproduction, single use only. You can control the pace and sequencing of the training and mentoring. DCG can design organization-wide programs that span multiple sites and geographies.</p> <p>Pricing is based upon instructor days at a single site. Multiple site pricing is also available. Call for current course prices and mentoring rates.</p> <p>Travel and Living expense are separate. Course descriptions are available separately or on our website http://www.davidconsultinggroup.com/</p>

Function Point Experience

DCG has fourteen Certified Function Point Specialists (CFPSs), who have been certified by the International Function Point Users Group (IFPUG) under the latest Release (4.3) of the Counting Practices Manual. Our fourteen CFPSs are long time IFPUG members, who are not only practitioners but have served on most of the IFPUG Committees.

These DCG CFPSs perform all of DCG's training and mentoring services. DCG complies with the latest Release (4.3) of the Counting Practices Manual; we can warrant that all DCG counters will understand and follow the current IFPUG Standards as they train and mentor your personnel.

DCG membership in IFPUG and volunteer participation with various committees and working groups results in great benefits to clients who then have access to the latest information and methods in FPA. Three DCG counters are on the IFPUG Counting Practices Committee. One DCG consultant serves on the IFPUG Board as Vice President. One DCG consultants chairs the Counting Practices Committee, and other DCG consultants have previously chaired the Management Reporting Committee, the New Environments Committee, the Benchmarking Committee, the Conference Committee and the Education Committee.

To know more about how DCG can help you leverage function points, contact us at 610.644.2856 or send inquiry e-mail to info@davidconsultinggroup.com

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