A description of X-2E Analysis, the complete Fresche Solutions tool for analysis of CA 2E applications. X-2E Analysis provides automated and interactive analysis, documentation and impact analysis; extracts business rules; and creates audit, code quality and change management reports for CA 2E applications on IBM i.
X-2E Analysis

Sharing valuable CA 2E Application Design Knowledge

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- Reengineering and rewriting projects
- Projects that include use of off the shelf packages.

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- Interactive documentation of Action Diagram User Exits
- Interactive documentation and where used of Internal Routines
- Interface diagramming between Application Areas
- Seamless integration of documentation and impact analysis between Action Diagrams and hand-coded RPG/Cobol/Java/PHP/C#
- Long/short name Variable Tracing – Rich drill downs through layers in Action Diagrams, DDS, DDL, Functions, RPG, COBOL, CL, SQL
- MS Word/Open Office/Excel documentation wizards
- Identification and documentation of business rule logic from 2E Action Diagrams
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Introducing X-2E Analysis

Powerful Tool for Complete Extraction, Analysis and Documentation of CA 2E Model Architecture

CA 2E developers implement business requirements and design into four separate layers:

- Functions (User Interface)
- Internal Routines (IO and Business Methods)
- Action Diagrams (Business Rules/Logic)
- Entities (Relational Data Model)

X-2E Analysis extracts, analyses and documents this CA 2E model architecture automatically. It does this visually and interactively using ERDs, screen flows, business rules, UI designs, metrics, complexities, data flows, Impact analysis and much more. With little effort and time all stakeholders (not just 2E experts) can easily assess the design and relevance of the CA 2E application.
Entity Relational Model Analysis

The cornerstone of a CA 2E Application is its Entity Model. X-2E Analysis extracts this model automatically from the CA 2E Model. This can then be analyzed, indexed, exported and visualized in interactive diagrams such as Data Model Diagrams.

X-2E Analysis provides an interactive data dictionary, diagramming and export facilities that include:

- Entities (Physical files and SQL/DDL Tables)
- Field Details – including long names and headings
- Access Paths/Logical Files
- All Foreign Key Relationships from the CA 2E Model and derived from hand-coded DDS/RPG/Cobol
- Complete description text of foreign key relationships, describing parent-child relationship join rules
- Entity relationship diagrams
- Visio exports for graphical diagrams
- Browsing and analysis of data dictionary
- Drill down into actual file/table data from diagrams
Functional Analysis - Interactive Structure Diagrams

CA 2E uses a powerful CASE concept to allow designs to be implemented very productively. For documentation, users must still rely upon text-rich descriptions of code and structure. Rather than very long printed reports to understand application design and structure, X-2E Analysis uses modern, interactive, color-coded graphical diagrams. This allows new CA 2E developers and non-2E developers alike to understand and navigate their way through the application architecture efficiently and effectively. All diagrams and objects can be annotated, and exported into Visio, Word, Open Office, Excel and PDF, making collaboration between developers, architects, DBAs and testers quick and easy.

Functions and internal routines can be viewed in various structure diagrams that depict the flow and call structure of a function, an internal routine, a menu, or an external calling program.

The various interactive structure diagrams displayed in X-2E include:

- **Structure Chart Diagram** - shows call structure tree between functions and external programs
- **Program Structure Chart** – shows internal call structure of an action diagram including internal routine calls
- **Screen Flow Diagram** – shows interactive calls/flow between individual screen formats
- **Hierarchal Structure Chart** - call structure tree between functions and external programs as “bus-route” layout
Functional Analysis - Screen Display Documentation

X-2E Analysis extracts the complete function definition from the CA 2E Model. This definition can then be visualized, analyzed and documented in detail with Word, Open Office or PDF. It can also be exported as XML for reuse in other IDEs or tools during modernization efforts.

Some of the key function displays include:

- **Layout** – all formats displayed as seen by the user without the need to run the program
- **Screen Fields** – complete details of constants / labels / fields on the screen plus data source mapping by field
- **Screen Actions** – all calls or default actions / events triggered in the display with parameters passed for each event
- **Data Content Diagram** – mapping of all fields and work-fields and their data source, including any joins from related files
Graphical Analysis - Data Flows

CA 2E has built-in ‘where used’ facilities. X-2E Analysis extends this functionality to allow visual and complete coverage of the code base for an application, including EXCUSRSRC and hand-coded source such as RPG/COBOL/Java/PHP/C# in a single inquiry. Graphical Data Flow Diagrams in X-2E Analysis provide an interactive and intuitive way to understand, document, and hyper-navigate the flow of data in the application. The flow between functions, programs, internal routines, displays, entities, and displays are grouped and laid out appropriate to their relationship with any selected element. Color-coding speeds up key info recognition for more efficient analysis. Diagrams can be exported into Visio, Word, PDF, Open Office, or viewed as more traditional object ‘where used’ interactive lists and exported to Excel.

The Data Flow Diagram also provides specific detail about how individual attributes of an element are used or flow with another. For example, a function uses an entity but only certain fields are actually being used in the action diagram or display.

Some Highlights:

- Interactive graphical hyper-navigation where used
- Color coded for usage context
- Export to Visio, Word, Image
- View as interactive text list with export to Excel

* May require additional X-Analysis modules
Cross-System Impact Analysis

Field/Variable Impact Analysis is another key area where X-2E Analysis extends the built-in features of CA 2E. The X-Analysis repository that underpins the X-2E product maps all fields and variables across an entire application at the most detailed level possible, not just within the extracted CA 2E Model context. This can shorten analysis effort from weeks to seconds in extreme cases, providing a significant productivity advantage even in simple cases. Development quality and project estimation accuracy are also greatly improved.

Impact analysis can be triggered from any context or diagram within the X-2E product, and the output is both interactive and complete in its coverage of any impacted code, on or off the IBM i within or without the CA 2E application code base (RPG/Cobol/CL/Java/C#/PHP*).

The context of the results can be restricted to a specific application area. X-2E Analysis is unique in providing automated tracing through multiple iterations of variables throughout the code base, following assignments and associations with other variables fields, in a single inquiry.

Some highlights:
- Long/short name field where used
- Long/short name variable where used
- Restrict results to application area
- Expand through multiple levels of variable tracing
- Exports to Word, Excel, Open Office
Business Rule Analysis and Documentation

Analysis and Documentation of Business Rules from CA 2E Code on IBM i

Your Business Rules Run the Company, but They're Hidden Deep in Your Code

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This situation produces a typical cart-before-the-horse legacy scenario, where the business is no longer truly in control of how it is run. Ideally, the business defines each rule, so the business should be able to understand each business rule, even ones that were implemented 25 years earlier. A shaky grasp of business rules leads to numerous issues. Notably, programmers often must implement new programs with only a basic understanding of how the program impacts existing rules and processes. Worse, what isn't documented isn't tested before implementation, setting the stage for discrepancies, new rounds of testing and extra cost.

Ultimately, the old adage holds: You cannot improve what you do not know and do not measure. Documenting and understanding the rules that run your business is the first step to improving the business. X-2E Analysis’ Application Process Mapping functionality is designed to meet the challenge.

The X-2E Analysis Application Process Mapping functionality creates a highly structured repository of business rules written in easily readable pseudo code. This repository provides a basis for all ongoing activity: Rewriting and reengineering, package replacement analysis, modernization and maintenance, and all types of audits.

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  - Program
  - Table/Field
  - Display formats/Screens
- Displays business processes as Pseudo code
- And much more...

Business Rule Repository

REWRTTE AND REENGINEERING
- Inventory existing functionality
- Feed analysis
- Feed BRMS, e.g., Log, Jboss Drools

MODERNIZATION/MAINTENANCE
- Clean up BR inventory
- Organize maintenance around BRs

PACKAGE REPLACEMENT
- Inventory existing functionality
- Feed the gap analysis process

AUDITS
- Regulatory audits
- Quality management audits

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Application Process Mapping Instantly Exposes Your Complete Business Rules Inventory

Here’s an example of how the X-2E Application Process Mapping functionality provides instant access to a system’s business rule assets, even for non-experts. A hospital has the following business rule: “The admission amount for a patient is determined by their medical insurance status.” This rule will end up being implemented in code as seen on the left below. On the right hand side is an example of how this code is summarized in a form of readable pseudo code by the Application Process Mapping functionality.

CASE
   If DTL.Patient_Status = 'H'  
      DTL.Amount = 5000.00 
   If DTL.Patient_Status = 'Z'  
      DTL.Amount = 12000.00 
   If DTL.Patient_Status = 'P'  
      DTL.Amount = 8000.00 
   If *OTHERWISE  
      DTL.Amount = 1000.00 
ENDCASE

These pseudo rules can be printed, viewed, cross referenced, exported as XML and consolidated back to the database files/fields by user interface or programs.

Why Care About Business Rules?

Critical business rules used to operate your company effectively are scattered across your IBM I software code. Fresche’s services and technologies have analyzed billions of lines of RPG, Cobol and CA 2E code on IBM I machines over 25 years. Some compelling reasons for business rule management have evolved from these experiences:

- Business rules often outlive people AND software applications. A company might replace, rewrite or modernize a system, but most of the rules will stay the same.
- Management decisions and/or regulatory changes are often implemented as business rule logic in source code.
- The same business rule may not necessarily be implemented consistently in multiple places across the software code. The business will run, but not as effectively as it could.
- Some inherited business rules embedded in IBM I systems might actually hinder the business.
- In very old systems where architects, management and designers have long since left, the software code may be the only source of some critical business rules.
- Companies that have direct access and visibility of all the business rules in their software code respond more quickly to business dynamics.
- Companies that optimize the reuse of proven business rules in the software code improve business agility and overall costs. Proven business rule software code is expensive to develop.
- CA 2E-generated RPG code might be a good way to implement business rules; it is not a very good way to document or analyze them. Simplifying and improving communication between various business stakeholders is a critical requirement for any company.
- Business rules are defined by (and belong to) the business - not IT. It is therefore imperative they should be able to read and understand them.

How many rules does the typical IBM I application have?

X-Analysis has been used by many IBM I shops around the world over the last 25 years to analyze many different applications. A “typical” CA 2E application consists of around a million lines of code (though some are much, much larger) and contains around 30,000 business rules.
Business Rule Analysis and Documentation

Using business rules for rewrite/reengineering projects
Starting new rewrite projects by attempting to define business rules from scratch is hugely time consuming. In most cases, the majority of the business rules will be carried forward to the new system. There will be additions and changes, but most of the existing business rules remain valid and useful. Application Process Mapping lets you feed the recovered rules to analysts, users and developers through X-2E Analysis’ GUI and its generated Word, Excel and XML documents. This greatly facilitates analyst development of specifications for the new system, reducing time and cost, and improving communication and accuracy.

Using Business Rules for Projects to Replace Older Systems
The primary challenge of replacing older systems with purchased Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) packages is understanding the gaps between the systems. While IT and users are more familiar with their own system, they typically do not have a complete inventory of all business logic, which the business is dependent upon for operations and management. Using a tool like X-2E Analysis to systematically recover all the business rules (as well as data model rules) provides a solid foundation from which to evaluate gaps with the COTS package.

Business Rules For Maintenance Activities
IT organizations that support older systems are moving to implement business logic through the use of Business Rule Management Systems. Such systems are portable, durable, accessible and easy to maintain. An excellent beginning is to use X-2E Analysis to recover your business rules from your systems; clean them up by identifying and refactoring duplicate, obsolete or inconsistent rules; and build a simple working repository of business rules that analysts, users and developers can use as the basis for all future development.

Business Rules for Audits
Whether audits are performed for regulatory compliance or to determine code quality, a complete set of business rules (along with extensive where-used drill-downs) is essential to ensure that all crucial aspects of the business are covered.

Direct Benefits to IT
Here are a few direct IT benefits associated with a structured approach to business rules management in software code:

- To help Business Analysts understand and work with the system
- To communicate system functionality to users and management
- To help developers understand (and find) existing functionality
- To improve system quality by facilitating consistency and accuracy
- To increase programmer productivity by enabling code reuse
- To feed the reengineering and migration process with design documentation
- To help evaluate the suitability of packaged software replacements
Application Metrics

Use Metrics, Problem Analysis and Difference Analysis to Manage Your CA 2E Applications

Some application metric highlights in X-2E Analysis:

- Program Complexity Metrics: low, medium and high complexity classification of programs
- Screen Display Complexity Metrics Analysis
- Database File Metrics Analysis
- Metrics Report Writer – Complete customizable report writer for building complexity and analysis reports
- Problem Analysis for design oddities, such as:
  - Files with constraints
  - PFs with non-unique keys
  - Unused procedures
  - And many more...
- Audit Report – MS Word or PDF wizard generates structured reports of metrics and problem analysis results
- Difference analysis between two versions of a system, comparing business rules, database designs, database relations, programs
- PTF impact analysis – by comparing a PTF library repository with production repository
- And much more...

You Cannot Improve What You Do Not Measure

Applications running on IBM i are typically large, complex and have been developed by a variety of programmers and analysts over several decades. Without an automated audit and analysis tool, understanding such applications is almost impossible, especially for new resources who have to take over maintenance and development. The audit, quality and change management features of X-2E Analysis provide an exhaustive breakdown of every aspect of your application portfolio. Without this linked, cross-referenced summary of your applications and databases, change management becomes a guessing game, and testing times and remediation cycles increase. In addition, without thorough knowledge of your applications, modernization of even small parts of the system becomes daunting, as complete impact is unknown.

The X-2E metrics analysis functionality gives you a highly detailed picture of your application and database metrics, including lists and locations of constraints, duplicates, unused files, multiple record formats, missing sources, unused subroutines and procedures and a host of database-related problems.
Application Metrics

Metrics Analysis is the Key to Improving Your CA 2E Applications and Development

The complexity metrics feature of X-2E Analysis enables managers of IBM i systems to measure, monitor and proactively manage complexity and changes to the applications.

Metrics Analysis Features

- Metrics calculated at both program and subroutine/procedure level
- All metrics exportable to Excel
  - Cyclomatic complexity
  - Halstead volume
  - Maintainability index
  - Number of source line statements in the program
  - Number of GOTOs or CABxx statements
  - Greatest nesting depth of IF/DO statements
  - Greatest number of statements within an IF/DO block of code
  - Greatest depth of nested DO/FOR loops
  - Greatest depth of nested ELSE statements
- Optionally transform the product into new languages with further use of transformation robots
- Test and deploy the iteration.

Audit for Problems, Complexity and Change

- Understand where the most complex code in the system resides and plan accordingly.
- Audit the difference between versions of a system at a design level — not just code.
- Be alerted to potentially harmful system conditions and defects before they cause production problems.
- Track changes in new versions of packaged applications to plan for refitting customizations.
- Externalize rules so they can be shared by multiple applications.
- Compare versions of your custom applications at different points in time to track where changes were deployed.
Application Metrics

A Wide Range of Options and Functionality

In addition to problem analysis (pictured on page 12) and metrics analysis (described on page 13), the X-2E provides numerous functions to help manage your IBM i applications. Some of the highlights:

SPECIALIZED ANALYSIS
Allows you to design your own reports using the full metrics database in the defined system repository. This reporting provides a valuable way to measure and manage the quality and complexity of a code base. You can run one-off static reports or create DIFFERENCE REPORTS, in which you compare two or more versions of an application at different points in time to discover changes in:
- Source code
- Business rules
- Table and field definitions
- Table relationships

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Displays low, medium and high complexity classification of all the available screen functions.

BUSINESS PROCESS LOGIC METRICS
Displays business process logic data in metrics form - total lines, included lines, excluded lines, unmarked lines etc.

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Automated Documentation Generator

A Wide Array of Functionality

X-2E Analysis provides numerous ways to view your application code and architecture. In addition to the diagrams described above, the tool offers the following:

- **RPG as Pseudo Code**: With a single click, RPG can be viewed as a form of structured English or pseudo code. Mnemonics are substituted with file/field/variable texts and constants or literals. Pseudo code is a great help even for experienced professionals as it explains the program logic in simple English.

- **Diagrams in Visio**: Any interactive diagram produced by X-2E Analysis in the client can be automatically exported instantly to MS Visio with a single click. In addition to this, a CA 2E program can be produced as a data flow chart interactively while browsing the source from within X-2E Analysis. If the RPG program is in Pseudo Code mode, the Data Flow Chart will use the narratives from the Pseudo code. This enables non-IBM i technologists and analysts to assimilate information at a detailed level of the application without any dependency on experts.

- **Lists and result sets**: Any source, object, or impact-analysis result list can be directly exported to formatted MS Excel, Word or Open Office with a single click while using the client.

- **Microsoft Word Project Documentation Wizard**: Documents often take weeks to produce manually. With a simple wizard, a user can select any of the graphical diagrams, lists, flowcharts, annotation and business rule summaries generated interactively by the client interface, and collate the information into a single document with contents and index. This can be done for a single object, an application area, a list of objects, or an entire system. These documents can be edited and distributed as required.
Functionality Summary

X-2E Analysis:
Automated documentation, impact analysis, business rule extraction, and audit, quality and change management

X-2E Analysis Summary of Functionality

- Variable Tracing - drilling down through multiple layers or variables and programs/files/screens long and short names
- Interactive source code browser for Action Diagrams and non-2E Code
- Interactive structure chart diagrams
- Interactive data flow diagrams
- Object where used including internal routine usage
- Program Structure Charts including internal Routine Explosion
- Plug-in to Eclipse or WDSc/RDi/RDp
- Subdivide system into application areas and embed into other application areas
- Application Area Diagrams
- Restrict diagrams or show the objects that belong to an application area only.
- MS Word project/static documentation wizard
- Visio exports for graphical diagrams
- Subroutine layering diagrams (program structure charts)

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- Link to SEU or CODE/400 and LPEX editors
- Indented source code views
- Program understanding at an application level, rather than a complete system level.
- All other modules have use of application level control as opposed to entire system level functionality
- Object Annotation repository or Word Doc based
- MS Word/Excel exports of all lists and graphical diagrams.
- Automated generation of relational data model from CA 2E
- Entity relationship diagrams
- Data encyclopedia/dictionary
- View the data in the data files from the model
- Instant & Automated Structured, drill-down browsing of test/live data
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Functionality Summary - Cont’d.

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**X-2E Analysis Summary of Functionality - Cont’d.**

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- Metrics Report Writer – Complete customizable report writer for building complexity and analysis reports using the X-2E Analysis metrics repository. Trends, static analysis and source change reports included.

- Problem Analysis for design oddities, such as files with constraints, PFs with non-unique keys, unused procedures, etc.

- Audit Report – MS Word or PDF wizard generates structured reports of metrics and problem analysis results

- Link multiple repositories for combined analysis throughout all functions

- Builds a difference analysis between two versions of a system comparing
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  - Database designs
  - Database relations
  - Programs

- Builds a PTF impact analysis by comparing a PTF library repository with production repository

- Export of DDL from relational data model

- Identifies and documents business rule logic from 2E Action Diagrams

- Analysis and cross referencing of business rule logic in 2E Action Diagrams

- Individual Business Rule Annotation

- Business Rule Where Used & Summaries

- Business Rule Database

- Business Rule Exports to MS Word and EXCEL

- Screen design and report layouts at a glance

- Business rules consolidated by Program, Table/Field, Display formats/Screens

- Business processes as Pseudo code

- Screen Flow Diagrams

- Source levelling (summarization of source members) by source line type

- Export of UML Class Diagrams from relational data model

- Generation of UML Activity Diagrams
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