

Speedware/4GL

The heart of the Fresche Legacy development toolkit, Speedware/4GL, along with Speedware/Designer and the Speedware utilities, makes an application developer's life easier and more productive.

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Speedware/4GL is a complete fourth-generation, platform-independent procedural and non-procedural programming language. In conjunction with its CASE companion, Speedware/Designer, it is geared for maximum productivity in creating transaction-oriented applications.

The Speedware environment

Speedware is a complete development environment. Speedware prototyping lets you design and test programs using high-level dialogs. It generates optimized code and automates many boring but necessary programming chores. Your application specifications are automatically compiled for your platform environment, ready to run or to be ported to more platforms. Speedware keeps development, maintenance and enhancement within a single, integrated environment. You can create or modify a whole application — database and file definitions, menus, programs, transaction screens, logical data views, reports, security systems and documentation — without exiting to another system.

Features

Speedware/4GL gives you all the following and more:

Versatile menu and screen styles

Speedware/4GL provides full control over menu styles and data entry screen layouts. As a result, even when you undertake modifications or enhancements, you maintain the familiar visual interface of your application. Speedware applications take users to new territory, but still let them feel right at home.



Custom report frames

Speedware/4GL's built-in frame system for report layouts lets you define areas that automatically adjust to varying amounts of data. Our frame feature is especially handy for everyday business formats such as mailing labels.

Data views

Speedware's ease with multiple operating systems lets you generate specialized logical views of data drawn from multiple locations. Data views are stored independently, can be applied to one or many reports, and use the full range of security controls.

Large report screening

Report formats that work best on paper often don't fit well on a screen. Speedware/4GL automatically displays on-screen reports with vertical and horizontal scrolling, as required.

Transaction rollback

When a transaction cannot be completed as entered, it's vitally important to step out of it smoothly, especially with a SQL database. Speedware's event-driven language allows both automatic and programmatic control of file locks during transactions, to make sure you can roll back incomplete or invalid transactions without risk to data integrity.

Escape to the OS

On any platform, Speedware/4GL lets you call operating system commands whenever required, then automatically return to the application.

Legacy program integration

It is often necessary to integrate legacy applications within your new Speedware/4GL environment. Speedware lets you integrate menus and existing 3GL code into new applications by exiting from and returning to any program.

Security capabilities

Speedware/4GL provides multi-level control over user access to data. Security can be set for overall access per user ID at specified times or dates and individual access to specific files, fields or even records in files.

Text formatting

To handle text in documents like business forms and mail merges, Speedware includes a simple text formatting language. It lets you control margins and page breaks, suppress spaces when data fields are blank, and place variable text blocks within pages.

Bench testing

Speedware supports bench testing to verify application quality after modifications. First, you run the original application in input record mode. User keystrokes are saved in a file, together with screen snapshots containing data. After the application is modified, give it a test run in playback mode, using the recorded inputs. Speedware checks that the data remains the same, and warns you if discrepancies occur.

Simultaneous multiple reports

Speedware/4GL can produce multiple reports after reading the underlying data only once. This powerful feature is a major timesaver when you work with very large files.

Local time and date formats

Speedware's country-specific options let you specify your local time and date formats. Local formats are supported for input/output and for time- or date-sensitive calculations, transactions and security controls.

Printer independence

Speedware applications can drive a wide range of printing devices. A report can be automatically sent to the printer preferred by the user running it.

Supported Platforms

Speedware/4GL runs on the following platforms:

HP e3000 — MPE

HP 9000 — HP-UX

PC — Windows

IBM — AIX

Sun Microsystem

What's New?

Speedware's product line is always expanding. New products take advantage of the Internet, distributed client/server environments and multivendor networks. To learn more about Speedware's complete portfolio of development technology tools, please see our datasheets on Speedware/Designer and Speedware Autobahn II.

Key Benefits

- Increase your productivity: Speedware/4GL is an intuitive, powerful and highly versatile programming language that facilitates application development.
- Secure your investments: Speedware applications are easily portable to MPE/iX, HP-UX and Windows. It also has native support for a wide range of databases.
- Breathe new life into your applications: Speedware applications can also be accessed through a Web browser or through a client/server Windows interface.

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About Fresche Legacy

Fresche Legacy (formerly Speedware) modernizes legacy applications and manages legacy environments. With more than 35 years in the industry, and a client list of top Fortune 500 companies, Fresche helps companies align IT with key business goals to increase financial performance, improve market competitiveness, remove risk and add value. We re-host, re-write and re-architect business-critical applications where needed, plus we have the knowledge and experience to plan, manage and support the entire process. We handle the full lifecycle of your project from concept to maintenance, and with our disciplined and unique five-step methodology, we ensure success on every project.