

3 REPORT GENERATOR AND QUERY FACILITY

Problem description

An application has been developed in a 4th generation environment. This 4GL also provides an interactive Query facility. The user can make whatever ad hoc queries he wants and produce his own reports with the help of this computerized tool.

Should this Query facility and report generator be expressed in function points and, if so, in what way?

Discussion

The query facility and the report generator fall outside the boundaries of the system to be developed. They are not included in the functional size when determining the project functional size or the application functional size.

Solution

The Query facility and the report generator are not included in the functional size when determining the application functional size or the project functional size of the application to be developed.

References to the standard

4.11 and 9.2.d