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Chapter 1: About the NPD Accelerator Add-In Release Notes

These release notes describe the New Product Development Accelerator (NPD Accelerator) (based on CA Clarity PPM) and contain the following sections:

- Features
- Known Issues
- Documentation
Chapter 2: Installation Requirements

New CA Clarity PPM Customers

Before you install NPD Accelerator, you must have CA Clarity PPM installed.

See the Installation Guide for more information on how to install CA Clarity PPM.

Existing CA Clarity PPM Customers

For existing CA Clarity PPM customers, you must upgrade to CA Clarity PPM Release 13.1.00 before you download and install NPD Accelerator.

See the Installation Guide for more information on how to upgrade CA Clarity PPM.
Chapter 3: Features

The NPD Accelerator feature set provides:

- Product portfolio management that allows you to balance reward versus risk, improve alignment between innovation and business strategy, and monitor the health and performance of all products over their entire lifecycle.

- Pipeline management to help you prioritize and sequence projects to balance resource demand and capacity.

- Idea-to-launch management that provides an automated, collaborative workflow for developing new products—from submitting a new idea through to product inception.

- Project and resource management that offers comprehensive project and resource management capabilities to help your organization manage resource allocations, project schedules and progress, and improve cross-functional coordination.

- A set of NPD-specific dashboards and portlet that provide you with a clear picture of your organization’s projects, products, and quick access to manage and track your portfolios.
Chapter 4: Known Issues

Known issues are treated as Knowledge Base articles. To find NPD Accelerator known issues, go to CA Support Online Portal at http://support.ca.com (see page 3), click Knowledge Base Search and use the keyword *clarity13open*.
Chapter 5: Documentation

The *NPD Accelerator Product Guide* contains a product overview, installation instructions, and descriptions of the dashboards and portlets used by managers to implement and manage the NPD Accelerator automated workflow and methodology.