
	<b>Guidance from the Non-Functional Sizing Standards Committee on topics important to you</b>	
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## The SNAP Method

This iTip is one of several in a series that will focus on helping you better understand the overall SNAP Method.

### Question:

After measuring the functional size using FP and non-functional size using SNAP, can we say the total size of the software is  $FP + SP$ ?

### Reply:

No, Function points and SNAP measure two different aspects of software and therefore are measured on two different measurement scales. Hence mathematically, these cannot be summed together to get the total software size. It's like measuring the height and weight of a human, which represent two different dimensions of the person, and cannot be summed together. The two metrics need to be maintained separately and for each software product two different measurements needs to be reported; Function Points (FP) for the functional size and SNAP Points (SP) for the non-functional size.

The NFSSC recognizes the future possibility of some relationship between function points and SNAP points. The committee continues to analyze the data to determine if such a relationship exists.

We hope that you found this iTip helpful. Additional comments and questions can be sent to the NFSSC mailbox: [nfssc@ifpug.org](mailto:nfssc@ifpug.org)