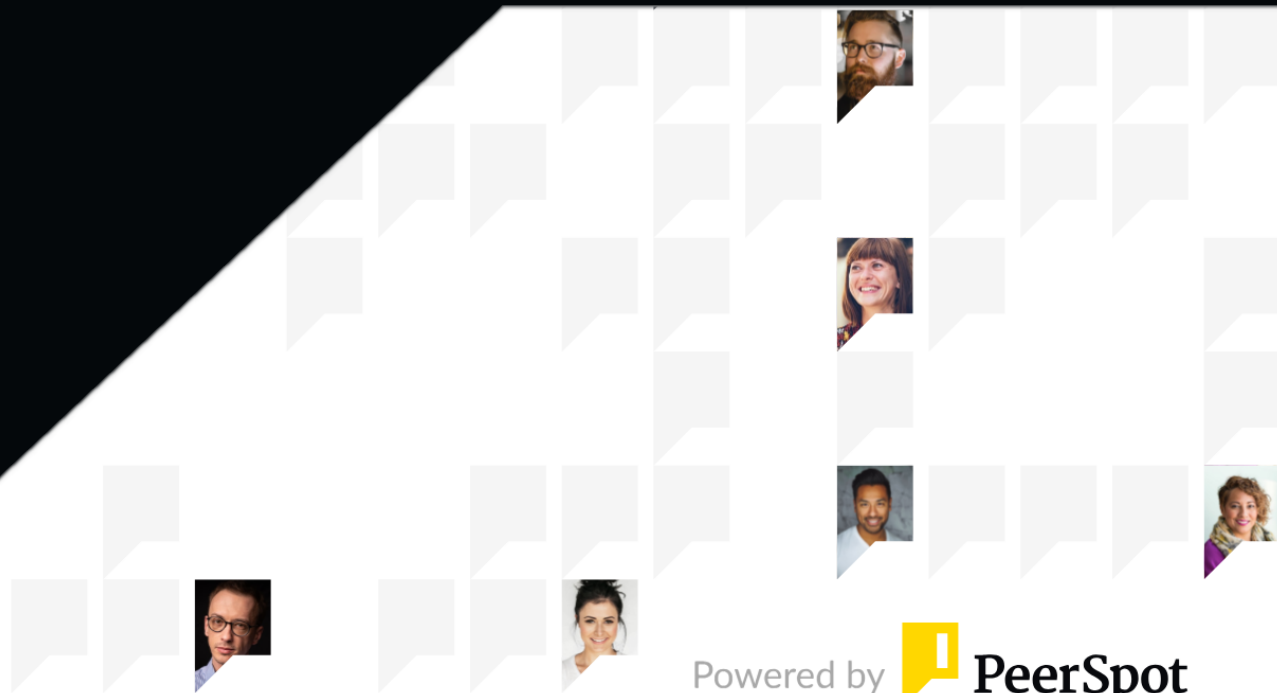




CAST Highlight

Reviews, tips, and advice from real users



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Product Recap



CAST Highlight

CAST Highlight Recap

Portfolio-level software intelligence for AWS modernization, AI readiness, tech debt, OSS risks

CAST Highlight is a SaaS software intelligence technology that delivers rapid, fact-based insights across your entire application portfolio. By automatically analyzing the source code of hundreds or thousands of applications, CAST Highlight helps organizations assess cloud maturity, AI & Agentic readiness, software health, open source risk, resiliency, technical debt, and sustainability from a single lightweight scan.

CAST Highlight is designed for CIOs, CTOs, enterprise architects, cloud leaders, application owners, security teams, and modernization teams that need a fact-based way to prioritize AWS migration, modernization, and AI adoption decisions at scale. It helps teams identify which applications are ready to move quickly, which require remediation, and where hidden software risks may affect transformation cost, timelines, security, resilience, or business outcomes.

Unlike traditional manual or survey-based assessments, CAST Highlight analyzes application source code directly to rapidly segment portfolios, prioritize modernization paths, and uncover risks before they impact transformation programs. CAST partners with Amazon to help enterprises and service providers accelerate application migration, modernization, cloud-native adoption, and AI readiness on AWS.

Organizations use CAST Highlight to:

- Accelerate AWS migration and modernization planning
- Segment applications by cloud maturity and transformation path
- Identify high-value AI adoption opportunities
- Assess Agentic Readiness across application portfolios
- Prioritize technical debt, resiliency, and maintainability improvements
- Assess open source vulnerabilities and IP / license exposure
- Evaluate software sustainability with Green Impact insights
- Reduce complexity, cost, and risk across transformation programs

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



“Overall, the accuracy of CAST Highlight has been strong and reliability is consistent for our use case.”



Nishant Chauhan

Senior Data Engineer at LTM



“The solution provides agnostic blockers for platforms as well as for containerization.”



Jayanti Rode

Technical Associate Manager at Accenture



“CAST Highlight provides a clear overview of the role portfolio and allows users to assess the overall quality of the environment. Users can see where improvements are needed and follow up on trends of the application.”



Chris Van Poele

Owner at a comms service provider with 501-1,000 employees



“It offers good performance.”



Validated user

Consultant/Software Engineer at a tech services company with 10,001+ employees



“The most valuable features of the CAST Highlight are the interface and there are three notations that are very simple to understand and communicate with.”



Validated user

Direction Digital Workplace & Socles at a insurance company with 51-200 employees



“The most valuable features of CAST Highlight are automation and speed.”



Validated user

Senior Consultant at a consultancy with 51-200 employees



“CAST Highlight is easy to use and has a good dashboard.”



Kangkan Goswami

Advisor Solution Architect at a tech services company with 10,001+ employees

What users had to say about valuable features:

“In cloud migration, I use CAST highlight to identify blockers, which are the negative road patterns, and also the boosters, which are positive code patterns..”

Jayanti Rode

Technical Associate Manager at Accenture

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“CAST Highlight offers a clear overview of the role portfolio and facilitates quick scanning, helping to determine the overall quality of the environment..”

Chris Van Poele

Owner at a comms service provider with 501-1,000 employees

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“The way it tells you which codebase is more ready for the cloud and which codebase is less ready is very valuable. It works seamlessly with most languages. .”

Vishal-Goyal

Chief Architect at Persistent Systems

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“CAST Highlight is easy to use and has a good dashboard.

This solution integrates well with Azure DevOps and you can import the dashboard into that environment..”

Kangkan Goswami

Advisor Solution Architect at a tech services company with 10,001+ employees

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“If you talk about SonarQube or Black Duck or so many other tools that offer similar functionality as CAST Highlight does, what makes CAST Highlight stand out and makes it more applicable for our use case is the fact that we don't need access to the code base. We can do it remotely. We just need access to the results so that IP doesn't leave the target premise at any time. That's sort of what differentiates CAST for us.

The initial setup is easy.

It offers good performance. .”

Validated user

Consultant/Software Engineer at a tech services company with 10,001+ employees

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“The best features for CAST Highlight include intent-based extraction. This means it does not just match keywords; it understands context. For example, it scales from 50 to 5,000 users and gets tagged under scalability even if the word is not there.

“Another feature I found is smart deduplication, which groups similar quotes and picks the strongest and most significant one. It stops insights from showing eight variations of great UI, giving diverse voices instead of repetition. The third benefit of CAST Highlight is reviewer context tagging, which means highlights come with metadata such as job title, company size, industry, and region. Buyers trust quotes more when they see CTO, 2,000 employees. Another benefit is sentiment and strength scoring, which ranks highlights by how specific, emotional, and credible they are. This detail saved us 20 hours per week. The next feature I found is one-click insight formatting, where we are able to get proper results with a single click when scanning for vulnerabilities and license risks.

“Regarding day-to-day features of CAST Highlight, there are many that I found using it. When we installed CAST Highlight, it comes with an inbuilt code editor tool. This means we can simply upload all of our project zips to the code editor tool, and from there it will pass to CAST Highlight. Once it passes, it scans many things. The first thing is that it finds the topic filter dashboard, which means it can fetch many things such as customer support, pricing, and security. Another benefit is that it helps us to find proper software composition, meaning how many tools and software we are using in our project. This is also one of the day-to-day use cases. Another feature is that it gives fresh review alerts, pinging us when new reviews come in with strong, castable quotes, so we do not miss new proof points for trending topics..”

Nishant Chauhan

Senior Data Engineer at LTM

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Other Solutions Considered

“I have also used Veracode and I like it much better. Veracode is easier for developers to work with. I have also worked with SonarQube.

The integration with Azure DevOps means that there are things you can do in CAST Highlight that you cannot do using other solutions..”

Kangkan Goswami

Advisor Solution Architect at a tech services company with 10,001+ employees

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“When choosing CAST Highlight, we did some research and development to find alternative tools, but we selected CAST Highlight because it served our manual analysis needs in-house. We were attempting to have analysts pick quotes manually in spreadsheets; it worked well initially but was slow, inconsistent, and hard to scale. The three-hour research time felt random depending on who was doing it.

“Additionally, multiple generic AI tools we tested could not grasp reviewer context; they could pull quotes but could not identify if the source was an executive at a large company. Context is crucial for B2B buyers. Our decision was also influenced by positive reviews of CAST Highlight, highlighting that the reviewer context features for roles, company size, and industry required no extra work or tool switching..”

Nishant Chauhan

Senior Data Engineer at LTM

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“CAST Highlight helps with time saved, adoption speed, and there is no extra integration cost.

“In terms of time saved, it went from approximately 3.5 hours per insight report to around 40 minutes, which is 80% faster. The team now ships two times more reports per quarter without adding hours. We did not have to hire additional analysts to scale output; the same two-to-three person team now handles what would have required one extra FTE before. Money saved is equal to approximately one FTE worth of manual research time per quarter..”

Nishant Chauhan

Senior Data Engineer at LTM

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Use Case

“We use the solution in the context of an M&A – mergers and acquisitions. We use it to evaluate what the targets, modernity, or the state of a target code base looks like, to get insights into whether there's any security, legal, or IP risk present..”

Validated user

Consultant/Software Engineer at a tech services company with 10,001+ employees

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“We are using CAST Highlight for the location because it's an indicator for us that can differentiate us from the other health insurance company. We are using the indicator as proof of the quality of service for our application. .”

Validated user

Direction Digital Workplace & Socles at a insurance company with 51-200 employees

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“I have used CAST Highlight in combination with application portfolio management, application lifecycle management, going cloud-ready, and other applications. My main occupation involves software completion analysis and working with various solutions like firewalls and storage..”

Chris Van Poele

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Owner at a comms service provider with 501-1,000 employees

“I have been using CAST Highlight for the last four years. In my company, we use CAST Highlight to perform testing for our code to find vulnerabilities and license risks. We also use CAST Highlight for the Smart Accept picker to scan peer reviews, case studies, and product feedback.

“One use case is Intent Matching, which means we match review text to topics such as ease of use, ROI, and customer support. Another use case involves pulling exact quotes and attributing them to the reviewer role, company size, and industry. Additionally, CAST Highlight helps us to scan for scalability..”

Nishant Chauhan

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Senior Data Engineer at LTM

Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“Our team has been working with CAST for a few years now, so it is now pretty simple. That said, it took a sort of learning curve to define real working knowledge. However, now that we have it, we're fine..”

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Consultant/Software Engineer at a tech services company with 10,001+ employees

“The initial installation of CAST Highlight was not easy because we have different sources, and the line of the sources was in different places, we had to gather everything. However, if we did it now the process would be fine.

The duration of the first deployment of 200 applications took some time but if we did it now it would be faster and it would be easier..”

Validated user[Read full review](#) 

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Customer Service and Support

“Customer support for CAST Highlight has been good. I interacted with customer support regarding one of my project results related to vulnerabilities and license risks, and they explained everything clearly, leaving me very satisfied..”

Nishant Chauhan

Senior Data Engineer at LTM

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“CAST highlight support is available. I reach out to the CAST vendor for assistance and raise a ticket, which gets assigned to the concerned POC. They could improve, as their main aim seems to be closing the ticket rather than satisfying customer requirements. Some support team members are helpful, and others lack in-depth knowledge of the tool, which might cause challenges..”

Jayanti Rode

Technical Associate Manager at Accenture

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“The solution does come with technical support. I've reached out to them to discuss bugs, which maybe need to be better under control. I found it hard to explain the bugs I was experiencing to support. While they were keen to assist, even after providing everything on my end, they were unable to understand the issue itself. In the end, we decided to change the solution in our own way and not really rely on them..”

Validated user

Consultant/Software Engineer at a tech services company with 10,001+ employees

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Other Advice

“Before using CAST Highlight I would recommend others to have a clear view, and overview of the quality of code on which they can communicate with other industries or with customers.

I rate CAST Highlight a seven out of ten..”

Validated user

Direction Digital Workplace & Socles at a insurance company with 51-200 employees

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“In general, this solution is easy to set up, easy to get started, easy to use, and easy to integrate, but the usability is not as high as that of Veracode. It would be great if it were more developer-friendly and it provided more information on how to resolve the problems that it discovers. I have seen other tools that do a better job of providing reports and guidance to the developers.

I would rate this solution a six out of ten..”

Kangkan Goswami

Advisor Solution Architect at a tech services company with 10,001+ employees

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“I would advise others to really do their homework and understand the use case and how CAST Highlight is going to help them. Otherwise, they will only be spending money, and they may not really see its value.

It is a pretty strong engineering tool, but unless you are really clear about the use case and the outcomes, you will not get a value out of it. If you do not know the outcomes and what do you want to do with the tool, you will get the dashboards or output, but you won't be able to consume and benefit from it. For example, a fantastic use case is when you know for sure that a customer is looking to migrate ten applications from on-prem to cloud and wants to know how much code is ready for moving to the cloud versus how much refactoring they need to do. If you're looking for a code change estimate from on-prem to on-prem or some other application, CAST Highlight may not be a good tool for such a use case.

I would rate CAST Highlight an eight out of ten..”

Vishal-Goyal

Chief Architect at Persistent Systems

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“We are end-users.

I'm not too sure which version of the solution we're using. I'm pretty certain that we are using the latest version.

We do get an agent that we send to the targets. They install it locally within the system. The agent is run locally, and the agent gives some CSV outputs, and those outputs are uploaded to the SaaS portal. From there, we get the insights.

They have their own training academy, where you could learn how to use CAST Highlight. I would really recommend to new users that they go through the training academy to understand the product. CAST has a certain way of working, which might not be the most obvious if you look at it from the outside. There is a little learning curve that people should be aware of.

I'd rate the solution eight out of ten..”

Validated user

Consultant/Software Engineer at a tech services company with 10,001+ employees

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“[Governance](#) and security is a big aspect of CAST Highlight, especially for B2B tools.

“The first point that stands out is data handling plus PII. It only processes verified data that we already have rights to and does not suggest or ingest our private customer data or documents, so the risk of data leakage is low. Moreover, reviewer information shown includes the company size and industry, with no personal names or emails exposed in the insights unless the reviewer opted in publicly.

“The second benefit is access controls; our team could set role-based access while using it; analysts can highlight and approve quotes, but only leads can publish to live insights, keeping QA control with us. No random edits go live.

“The third benefit is audit and compliance; every approved quote has a trail indicating who approved it, which conflict it came from, and the timestamp. Therefore, if a legal or buyer asks where a specific claim originated from, we can prove it. For compliance, we surface peer statements with source links instead of making claims. [Governance](#) feels solid, as it works only on verified data, has role-based access, and provides full audit trails back to source reviews, keeping us compliant and defensible with buyers.

“Overall, the accuracy of CAST Highlight has been strong and reliability is consistent for our use case. The first point is intent matching, which catches the right theme approximately 85 to 90% of the time. For example, if a review says that setup took two weeks, it tags ease of implementation correctly, not just the time. The second thing is strength scoring; high-strength quotes usually read better to buyers, being less vague and providing more specific outcomes. While we still conduct human QA, false positives are low. The third point on accuracy is reviewer context; role, company size, and industry tagging are accurate because it pulls from verified profiles, adding credibility to quotes instead of simply showing generic testimonials.

“Regarding reliability, consistency in output is vital; the same items receive the same highlight and score every time without random drift, earning our team's trust for bulk work. We have not experienced missed alerts or failure to process new reports. If a new conflict emerges today, highlights will show up on the same day. We do see less reliability for very niche technical jargon, for example, multi-tenant RBAC might get tagged as access control broadly. Also, sentiment can miss sarcasm during easy setups after three months.

“Some advice for others looking into using CAST Highlight is that it is better in terms of cost compared to other available tools. It is also reliable and helps keep humans in the loop, providing accuracy around 85-90% for intent. Quick QA testing requires five minutes of human intervention before publishing. Additionally, training your team to filter and segment by role-based context is critical.

“Regarding final thoughts on CAST Highlight, I find it to be a solid tool with some suggestions for improvement. The deduplication strictness is an area we can

enhance, and the governance and security are very good. The accuracy of CAST Highlight is also commendable. In terms of pricing, I find it low, and the ROI is high, making it a very scalable tool. I would rate this review an 8 out of 10..”

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Senior Data Engineer at LTM

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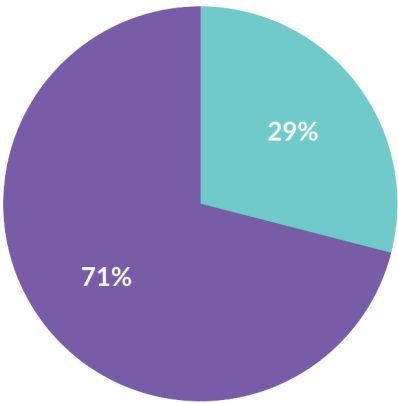
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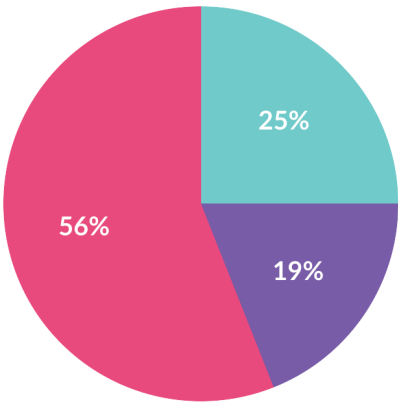


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