



SAP Solution Brief

PROJECT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

The SAP® solution for project portfolio management gives you the power to monitor and manage all your project activities across your entire enterprise. It combines the capabilities of SAP project management systems, and it can be integrated seamlessly with both SAP and non-SAP software. It enables you to precisely align your projects with your strategic business goals, and to achieve better, faster, and more cost-effective results.

GOING NOWHERE FAST?

Your organization may have dozens, hundreds, or even thousands of projects running at any one time. And it's your job to get the most out of each and every one of them – to ensure that they add value, not cost; achieve rapid, reliable results; and that resources are deployed where they are needed, when they are required.

It's a tall order. Too tall for many IT applications that provide neither the 360° visibility you need to see the big picture, nor the functions you need to guarantee the success of your initiatives. But it doesn't have to be that way.

GET THE BIGGER PICTURE

SAP® project portfolio management capabilities give you high-level visibility over your entire project portfolio, while delivering the rich functionality and seamless integration required to actively manage all aspects of your many projects – regardless of their complexity and type. Whatever you need – R&D, IT, or consulting – SAP solutions let you see your projects in the context of your business.



You can prioritize activities based on strategic importance, and align your portfolio with your larger goals, such as rapid ROI or greater process efficiency. And you get the transparency you need to optimize the use of resources and budgets, and gain an at-a-glance, real-time overview of progress and performance.

What's more, you get complete, out-of-the-box integration with other SAP and non-SAP systems. Regardless of what solutions you use for project management, you see the whole picture – and not just fragments.

EVERYTHING YOUR PROJECT DESIRES

SAP gives you end-to-end functionality for the complete life cycle of your projects. Browser-based with a highly intuitive user interface, this solution enables you to:

- **Create project proposals rapidly and precisely**, by entering key data such as project location, management and reporting structure, and staffing.
- **Define roles, determine staff availability, and assign your best people to the job at hand**, by searching your skills database and human resources systems for employees whose skills match requirements, and determine if they are available when you need them. In addition, you can designate decision makers for approval processes, and integrate them via workflow for maximum efficiency.
- **Link projects and subprojects** by means of defined relationships and dependencies to create a coherent program, ensuring a clear division of roles and responsibilities, and avoiding clashes and bottlenecks.
- **Execute high-level project planning** based on templates and leading project methodologies, including Stage-Gate.

- **Set your own critical success factors**, assign codependencies and weighting, and rank projects on a number of criteria. This enables decision makers to rapidly assess individual projects and total project mix before making critical go/no-go decisions.
- **Create and track cost objectives** once the go-ahead has been given for a project. You can then monitor costs in real time through full integration with back-end financial systems.
- **Plan, monitor, and fine-tune all aspects of your projects**, including tasks, roles, deadlines, deliverables, checklists, quality gates, and approval steps. You can also link documents and other objects to your project.
- **Pinpoint any external resources** you may need, and incorporate them into your workflow and project management processes.
- **Evaluate the status of your portfolio**, and look at individual projects or your whole portfolio from various perspectives, such as task assignments, costs, status, and percent of completion. Traffic lighting alerts you immediately when a project fails to meet budget or schedule targets.
- **Leverage powerful analytics and reporting** functions to review actual costs and budgets, availability and allocation of resources, the probability of success, expected commercial value, headcount, and risk, among others.

A GLANCE AT THE DASHBOARD

The project dashboard provides you with a continuous run-down of all key facts and figures, as well as a complete list of projects and subprojects. You can see which projects are within budget, on schedule, and meeting key targets. You can drill down to greater levels of detail, make any changes you feel necessary, and produce reports with point-and-click simplicity.



IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

SAP gives you clarity and control. You can scrutinize projects in detail, access related documents, and check schedules and costs at the push of a button. The solution enables your project managers to keep track of commitments, deliverables, costs, and quality. And it ensures that everyone in your project teams knows what they have to do and when.

SEAMLESS CONNECTIONS

Built on the SAP NetWeaver™ technology platform, SAP project portfolio management capabilities slot effortlessly into your IT environment, and integrate fully with all your existing project management software. Full back-end integration with core systems such as financials, human resources, and logistics gives you up-to-the-second information on budgets, staff availability, and more.

As a result, you get a complete picture of all projects and people throughout your entire organization. You can increase a project's chance of success by selecting the best people for the job, regardless of location – and boost the satisfaction of your professionals at the same time. And because the solution is Web based, it supports easy, on-the-move access to the functionality that your off-site employees need to maintain a seamless connection to the home office.

DO THE RIGHT THINGS RIGHT

With SAP's solution for project portfolio management, you have the capabilities you need to manage projects from start to finish. With the information and tools right at your fingertips, you can ensure that projects most crucial to your strategic goals are tackled first and that lower-priority activities aren't draining valuable resources. Assigning the right people to projects and monitoring the progress of project activities keep costs in check and deliver a project on time and on budget.

Don't compromise when it comes to project management. Look to SAP to give your project managers the tools they need to stay in control.

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