**Nimbus Projects Cost Control**

**Introduction**

The Nimbus Research Centre, the research arm of CIT, based in Cork is involved in a wide range of projects spanning the research, industry and academia fields. These projects, primarily small, often experience budget overruns. Small budgets with high expectations and lack of transparency on who is doing what, there is no tool to predict the actual end of a budget.

The management of the centre require a tool that will report a projects budget spend periodically and flag when it nears

This paper’s intention is to detail a solution to provide the management at the Nimbus Research Centre the tools to identify the actual end of a project’s budget.

There are three possible solutions to this problem, these are:

* Incorporate into the existing Nimbus Projects Administration tool
* Develop a new system replacing the Nimbus Projects Administration tool
* Incorporate into Jira – used within Nimbus as a software development project management tool.