= Smartsheet =

Smartsheet is a software as a service (SaaS) application for collaboration and work management that is developed and marketed by Smartsheet.com , Inc . It is used to assign tasks , track project progress , manage calendars , share documents and manage other work . It has a spreadsheet @-@ like user interface . As of November 2014 , Smartsheet is used by 5 million people at 55 @,@ 000 organizations . It was initially unpopular until a redesign in 2010 , which was followed by an increase in adoption and larger funding rounds .

= = Smartsheet service = =

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= = = Features = = =

According to Forbes , Smartsheet has " a relatively simple " user interface . The interface centers on " smartsheets , " which are similar to spreadsheets typically found in Microsoft Excel . Each smartsheet can have its rows expanded or collapsed to see individual tasks or large @-@ scale project progress respectively . Tasks can be sorted by deadline , priority or the person assigned to it . If a spreadsheet contains dates , Smartsheet will create a calendar view .
Each row in a smartsheet may have files attached to it , emails stored within it , and a discussion board associated with it . When a new smartsheet is created , notifications are pushed out to staff to populate its rows and columns . As information is updated , other smartsheets tracking the same task , project or data @-@ point are updated automatically . The service also has alerts for when a task deadline is coming up , and keeps track of document versions .
Smartsheet can import data from Microsoft Office or Google applications . The software integrates with services like Salesforce.com , Dropbox and Amazon Web Services . There is also a Smartsheet mobile app for Android and iPhone operating systems . Smartsheet is sold on a subscription basis with no free version .

= = = History = = =

Smartsheet was first introduced in 2006 . According to the company 's co @-@ founder , Brent Frei , initial adoption was slow because the software was too difficult to use . At the end of its first year , it had only 10 @,@ 000 users . The company began making changes to the software in 2008 , eventually cutting 60 percent of its features for the purpose of making it more user @-@ friendly . Following the 2010 launch of the redesign , adoption grew to 1 million users at 20 @,@ 000 organizations by 2012 .
Integration with Microsoft Office 365 and Microsoft Azure were added in 2014 . That October the Account Map tool was introduced , which uses an algorithm to visualize the flow of work across groups of employees . In August 2014 , version 2 @.@ 0 of the Smartsheet iOS app was introduced . It made a spreadsheet @-@ like user interface the focus of the app 's user interface , whereas previously the mobile interface was different than the spreadsheet @-@ oriented desktop version .
In 2015 , Smartsheet started introducing closer integrations with Microsoft Office products , in part thanks to changes Microsoft was making in their products to work better with third @-@ party software . In January 2015 , Smartsheet added support for Microsoft 's identity management software Azure Active Directory , which allowed users to log in to products like Excel and Smartsheet with the same login . Users can also now make changes to smartsheets directly from Microsoft Outlook .

= = Smartsheet.com , Inc . = =

Smartsheet.com , Inc. is a private company that develops and markets the Smartsheet application . As of April 2015 , it has about 200 employees and is headquartered in Bellevue , Washington . It operates data centers in Texas , Virginia and Illinois .

The company was founded in the summer of 2006 , shortly after co @-@ founder Brent Frei sold his prior company , Onyx Software . Initially it was funded mostly by Frei . About a year after its founding , Smartsheet had raised $ 4 million in funding and had just nine employees . By early 2012 it had raised $ 8 @.@ 2 million in funding over three rounds and hired its first salesperson .

After the Smartsheet software was redesigned in 2010 , the company 's revenues grew by more than 100 percent each year , for four consecutive years . It raised $ 26 million in funding in December 2012 and another $ 35 million in May 2015 .