CIS 420-01 Assignment 1

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Potential Project Management Tools:

**1)Microsoft Project –** This software is designed in line with all the Microsoft office suite software, which made the interface very familiar to the users who have been using Microsoft products. In Microsoft Project, the project is divided into two main sections – resources and tasks. When the Gantt chart is adjusted, the allocated time in the sheet is automatically updated. The software can provide different view modes of each project, making it easier for users to examine their project. Moreover, Microsoft Project is free for students to utilize.

However, as the built-in kaleidoscopic functions made Microsoft Project outstanding, it may also require the users to have intensive training and experience in order to learn thoroughly about this tool.

**2)Smartsheet –** This software comes in on our top three because of familiarity with one of our team members from an internship. Smartsheet offers many great features and is a web-based application. Some of the features include being able to visualize tasks in Gantt, card, grid, and calendar views. Smartsheet also allows teams to attach files from Google Drive, OneDrive, DropBox and other cloud storage. We would also be able to control access with secure permission controls.

The only real downside of this potential project management tool is that it only offers a 30-day free trial before charging $15-20 per month for the service. 30 days would not be enough time and there are other free options available to use.

**3)Wrike –** Reportedly very easy to use and includes comprehensive integration tools so that it will easily work with what is already in place by an organization. It can provide Gantt charts, email integration for automated alerts based on tasks and their respective priorities. It also offers simple team management with shared calendars and dashboards for each team. One of the most useful features is the ability to create tasks that will automatically adjust timelines and provide reports for all those tasks and their respective dependencies. Wrike offers five pricing plans: Free (5 users), Professional (5-15 users at $9.80/user/month), Business (5-200 users at $24.80/user/month). The Marketers and Enterprise plans allow 5 to unlimited users but require custom quotes. All paid plans offer a free trial.