REPORT: Software quality assessmenta

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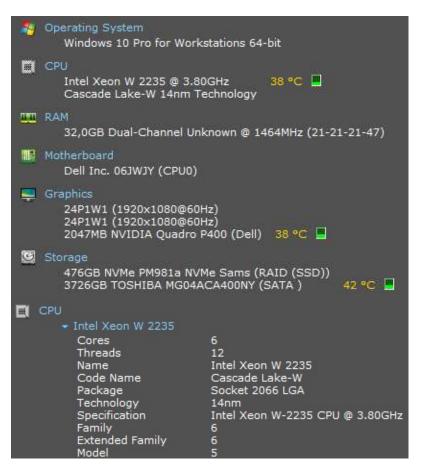
2021-07: Taskade 3.3.9 was tested in terms of usability. Was found bugs and contradictions that make it difficult to operate the program.

2021-11: Restests in Taskade 4.1.1

Available: taskade.com

Version: a desktop application

System information



Description

According to the manufacturer's description - the main purpose of the Taskade application is the organization of tasks, projects, supervision of goals, and plans. Thanks to the use of various types of planners and notebooks: Weekly Planner, TeamWork List, Bullet Journal, Prioritization Board, Strategy Checklist, Mindmap, etc. the user can manage tasks and projects of both professional and private life.

The multitude of functionalities allows you to adjust them to the information group that the user wants to organize. Creating individual types is simple and intuitive. After selecting Project from the list, a skeleton of an example is displayed. Then the user can use the

already existing components or remove them and add them as he wishes. The interface of the menu and the operating window for boards and planners is easy to use. However, attention is drawn to a wildly exploded view caused by extensive examples of individual planners. It would be enough to display a responsive diagram to fit into the computer window without having to move right/left/down/up. Another solution would be to reduce the size of text fonts and/or add the zoom in/zoom out buttons.

An important function is the ability to invite other people to cooperate, share materials, and built-in chat. Placing all cooperation tools in one window will certainly allow for effective and efficient cooperation. The main program window deserves more attention. After launching it, the user may feel overwhelmed by the number of icons and tabs. There are reservations regarding the need to display them. Shortcuts to download Taskade to other operating systems are not necessary and are used many times while working with the program, so they could be more hidden. After starting, the main panel displays the following tabs: Recent, Calendar, Starred, My Tasks. On the left side of the panel there are icons that refer to exactly the same functions. A significant improvement would be the possibility of allowing the user to decide for himself what is docked in the window visible after turning on the software: specific projects or their categories, or maybe - a calendar.

There is no doubt that the software is collaborative and has many advantages. However, it is not necessary that two icons (in addition: arranged next to each other) appear on the home page, which is used to invite you to cooperation.

Objectively - the program fulfills its function, shows a set of useful tools for planning and managing projects using visualizations and planners. If the creators spend time refining the interface, reducing duplicate functionalities, docking the necessary links, and collecting more opinions on intuitiveness and use (and taking them into account when creating the next version of the software) - Taskade will certainly be one of the better applications to be planned.