Oracle® Project Management Cloud extends planning and scheduling to the “occasional” project manager; to those who manage projects infrequently and not as their primary role. No longer is planning a specialized skill, only performed by experienced personnel, as more and more people are given projects to manage. Not all planning and scheduling solutions have kept up with this evolution. Oracle Fusion Project Management has been designed from the ground up to address the needs of all project managers, regardless of their level of experience, and can be adopted by all organizations for any type of project work.

Planning Made Easy

Managing projects is often a secondary responsibility, undertaken when needed. For these part-time project managers, scheduling a project can be confusing and inefficient; it is hard to quickly enter tasks where the detail is not fully known, tasks move unexpectedly, and scheduling tasks both manually and automatically is not easy, requiring too many steps. Oracle Project Management Cloud addresses these problems by offering scheduling capabilities in an interactive Gantt while hiding the complexity seen in many planning tools.

Tasks can be easily created with minimal data, for example starting only with a task name and adding effort, dates, and dependencies later. Simply entering a start or finish date holds the task where it is placed unless it becomes dependent on other work, in which case just link it to another task to schedule it; no additional steps are needed and no longer do tasks seemingly move at random.

More experienced project managers can still take advantage of capabilities that include constraint dates and types, dependency types, and leads and lags.

Planning is a Collaborative Activity

Team members are closest to the actual work so they should be included in the development of the plan; commonly this means meetings, email, and spreadsheets but these are not effective ways to schedule and collaborate. Oracle Project Management Cloud combined with Oracle Task Management Cloud lets the project manager work with the team to create the plan. Team members are assigned work through the project plan or they can identify the work for themselves or for others on the project. Any work added by the project team is highlighted to the project manager so it can be reviewed and, where appropriate, incorporated into the plan. This ensures work doesn’t fall through the cracks and makes for a more accurate plan.
**KEY BENEFITS**

- Simplify project planning
- Accelerate development of project plan
- Collaborate with your team to quickly develop the plan
- Monitor progress and review plan changes
- Manage and control project issues
- Manage and control project changes
- Manage Product Development projects
- Adopt an agile project management approach

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**Figure 1. Project plan with embedded social capabilities**

Social collaboration and project management are merged in Oracle Project Management Cloud, letting project participants interact in real-time through project-specific conversations, and collaboratively upload and review documents. Embedding social capabilities within the business processes, through integration with Oracle Social Network, ensures secure consistent communication across project stakeholders.

**Efficiently Manage Project Resources**

The ability to assign multiple labor resources to tasks ensures that project managers can maintain project plans that are short and crisp. And where additional resource needs are identified, they can simply be allocated to the project. The project manager can quickly take action to add resources, confirm resource assignments, or update resource details, and view labor and expense resources in a graphical card format or in a list view.

**Figure 2. Efficiently manage project resources**

Alternatively, the project manager can look for a resource; taking advantage of the powerful search tools of Oracle Project Resource Management Cloud to match against skills and availability.
Issue Management

Issues encountered during execution are captured, categorized and prioritized. Any actions that result can be assigned to those on the team for resolution while each issue is traced through different statuses and monitored with analytics that show issue aging and issues by type.

Change Management

With the introduction of modern change management, project managers and team members can manage change orders from proposal, through impact assessment, review, approval, and implementation. Impacts of the change are categorized by project plan, requirements, resources, budgets, and contracts with any associated cost and effort summarized for review by key stakeholders. This provides an efficient step-by-step process to document, orchestrate and control project changes.

Real-time Progress

Project managers need to know what is happening on the project but often do not have time to regularly review a detailed plan or chase the project team for their progress updates.

The combination of Oracle Project Management Cloud and Oracle Task Management Cloud addresses these issues by reducing the time it takes to capture and review progress: Team members can progress their tasks with a single click indicating that a task has started or finished; while project managers reviewing progress, can see who is late submitting their progress and focus on tasks that deviate from the plan, for example to review overdue tasks or proposed changes in dates or effort from team members. The project manager can choose to immediately accept or reject proposed changes or preview the impact on the project schedule before making a decision.

Figure 3. Preview Impact of Task Exceptions
**Manage PLM Projects**

With the integration of the Oracle Project Management Cloud and Oracle Product Lifecycle Management Cloud solutions, project managers can manage their product development projects in a single integrated process. The sophisticated integration with Oracle Innovation Management and Product Development Cloud lets product managers, product design managers, and product design engineers track the progress of deliverables in Oracle PLM Cloud including ideas, concepts, requirements, proposals, items and changes. Project managers can manage PLM deliverables in the context of a project task, access product deliverable details, and monitor the progress of each deliverable as the application automatically completes tasks based on activity in Oracle PLM Cloud.

**Projects for Sourcing Negotiations**

A project can be created from the context of a negotiation in Oracle Sourcing Cloud to track and manage the work related to the negotiation, driving task completion based on key events in the negotiation lifecycle and facilitating collaboration of the entire negotiation team.

**Iterative Development for an Agile Approach**

Many organizations have adopted an agile methodology for the design and build of software, whether producing commercially available applications or for internal software development. With Oracle Project Management Cloud teams can capture and prioritize requirements using the flexible, multi-level requirements hierarchy: From here requirements can be decomposed into a prioritized set of backlog items with story points, user stories, acceptance criteria, and project tasks. The status of backlog items can be managed in the graphical requirements storyboard, while metrics provide for tracking of sprint burn down, product backlog burn up, average velocity across sprints, and progress updates.

**Real-time Reporting**

Project Managers are offered actionable insight into the status of work, including project schedules, any task exceptions, issues and change orders raised, milestones, planned resource utilization and assignments ending soon, and planned costs.

Target and actual project progress are shown for comparison, while projects that are behind schedule are highlighted. Resource analytics leverage an integrated solution to identify whether people are over or under utilized, with a time-phased view providing complete visibility into the total project allocations and capacity for each resource.

Project milestones can be analyzed in a timeline view to immediately see the milestones that are past due and those requiring action, with the ability to take action to set milestones as complete.

And for more tailored and ad hoc reporting you can generate real-time reports across your projects using the pre-built project management subject areas and sample reports.

**View Project Status, Anywhere**

It is a reality that most project management professionals no longer use just a laptop;
Oracle Project Portfolio Management Cloud is a complete PPM solution that includes the following products:

- Oracle Project Financials Cloud
- Oracle Project Contract Billing Cloud
- Oracle Grants Management Cloud
- Oracle Project Resource Management Cloud
- Oracle Project Management Cloud
- Oracle Task Management Cloud

**Related Products**

- Oracle PLM Cloud
- Oracle Sourcing Cloud

The majority carry a Smartphone and a tablet. When working with a project sponsor they need to quickly communicate the scope and overall status of their project. Oracle PPM Mobile addresses the needs of project managers by offering them a fresh new approach to project visualization, designed expressly to embrace the simplicity of the Tablet experience and to avoid the visual clutter associated with traditional project plan views. Tasks are arranged in logical streams which indicate the sequence of work; dependencies are only revealed where necessary.

In a clean, simple and intuitive interface, use native gestures to pan and zoom the plan, drilldown through the task hierarchy to reveal the project detail, and switch views to see the latest progress. Use the menu for a more traditional view of the task structure, navigate between tasks via their dependencies and see where resources are utilized.

![Oracle Project Manager Mobile](image)

**Figure 4. Oracle Project Manager Mobile**

**Choose your Deployment Option**

Oracle Project Management Cloud is delivered as part of the Oracle Project Portfolio Management Cloud family of solutions, and can be deployed either standalone as a modular, easy-to-adopt project execution solution, or with other Oracle Cloud applications, your existing Oracle applications or other third party solutions. When combined with project financial management solutions such as Oracle Project Financials Cloud or Oracle Projects within the E-Business Suite, Oracle Project Management Cloud provides end-to-end management of projects, enabling the project team in the execution and delivery of their projects.

**External Data Integration Services for Oracle Cloud**

Oracle Project Portfolio Management Cloud offers External Data Integration Services for Oracle Cloud to enable external data integration infrastructure and services. This integration supports file-based data load from legacy or third-party applications to batch interfaces on the Oracle Cloud, allowing you to import high volumes of data.
Complete Project Portfolio Management

Oracle Cloud Applications are completely open, standards-based enterprise applications that can be easily integrated into a service-oriented architecture. Oracle’s solutions work together for comprehensive project cost management, project contract billing and accounting, and project and resource management, so you can reduce processing time, eliminate integration costs, deliver projects sooner and close the books faster.

Oracle Project Portfolio Management Cloud dramatically improves the way project-driven organizations and project professionals work, with social capabilities embedded throughout to ensure secure consistent communication for the project team, wherever they may be, for improved productivity and project delivery success.

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Hardware and Software, Engineered to Work Together

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