

Oracle Project Management Cloud

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, leads and lags, and the ability to compare the plan with current and historical baselines. And for those requiring a more managed approach to planning, gate management orchestrates critical decision points, polling stakeholders for their input and approval.

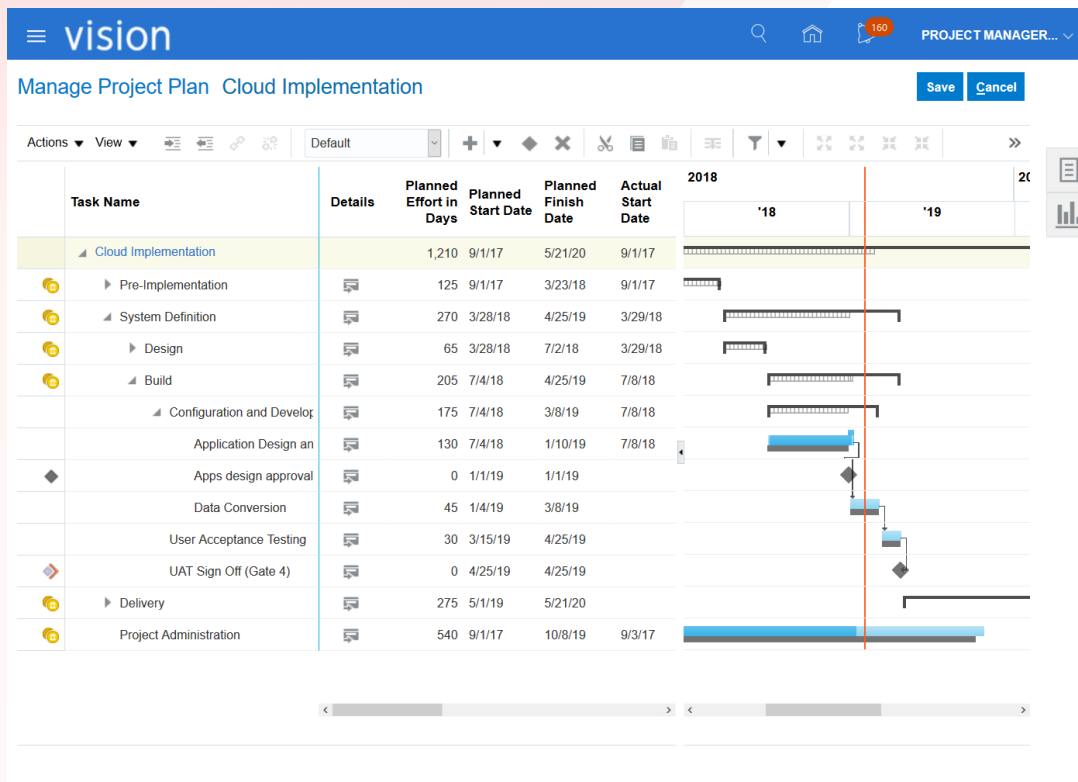


Figure 1. Intuitive, collaborative planning and scheduling

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 works doesn't fall through the cracks and makes for a more accurate plan.

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 or request resources, confirm resource assignments, or update resource details, and view labor and expense resources in a graphical card format or in a list view.

Key Features

- Plan all projects from simple to complex
- Plan & schedule work in interactive Gantt
- Assign work and incorporate additional work identified by team members
- Schedule using dependencies, leads and lags, and constraint dates
- Exception-based progress and thresholds
- Raise and track project issues and changes
- Compare target and actual project progress across your projects
- Task exceptions analytic
- Visibility into project labor resource capacity and planned utilization
- Real-time self-service reporting on project management information
- Compare current plan to baseline
- Search for or request resources
- Agile development support
- Integration to Oracle PLM Cloud
- Integration to Oracle Sourcing Cloud

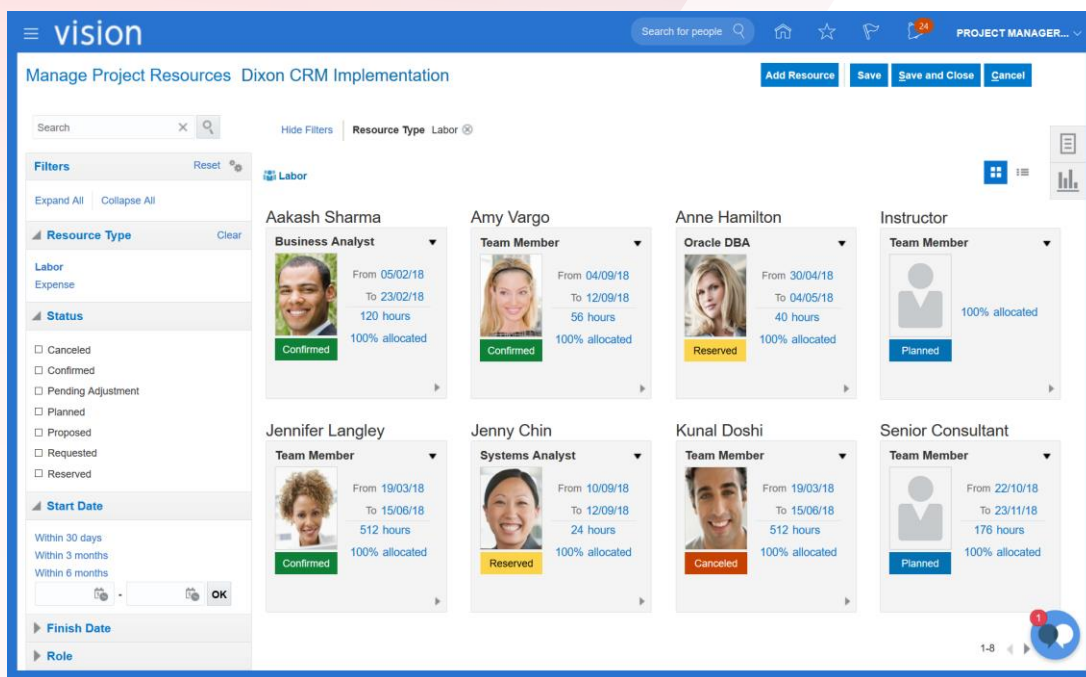


Figure 2. Efficiently manage project resources

Project managers without a formal resource management staff can also search for and confirm a resource for a project assignment based on resource availability and qualifications, leveraging the depth of the project resource management capabilities.

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.

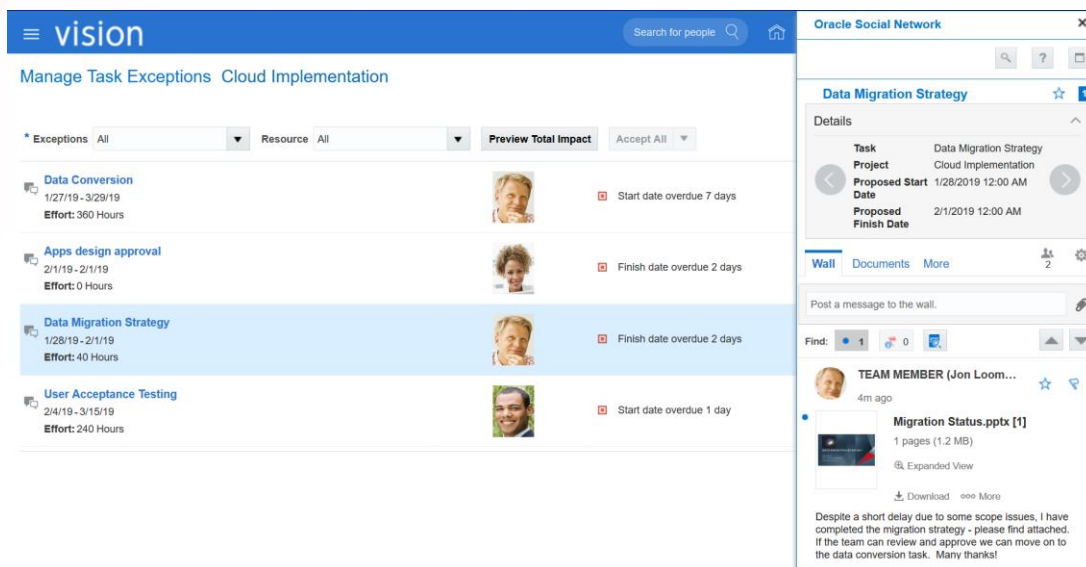


Figure 3. Preview Impact of Task Exceptions

Key Business 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

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.

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.

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.

Oracle PPM Cloud 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

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.

CHOOSE YOUR DEPLOYMENT OPTION

Oracle Project Management Cloud 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.

COMPLETE PROJECT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Oracle Project Management Cloud is delivered as part of Oracle Project Portfolio Management Cloud, a broad, complete solution delivering extensive support for project-driven organizations, and continuous innovation in key technologies such as mobile, social and analytics, deployed in the cloud to achieve more, faster, with fewer resources.

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