Microsoft Project Server 2013 is a flexible on-premises solution for project portfolio management (PPM) and everyday work. Team members, project participants, and business decision makers can get started, prioritize project portfolio investments and deliver the intended business value from virtually anywhere. Requires SharePoint 2013, sold separately.

**Utilize a smarter PPM solution**

Get started quickly with a familiar experience that improves participation and helps teams get more done.

- Use the new visual tiles in Project Web App (PWA), your web app to access Project Server, to quickly begin or flex project portfolio management capabilities.
- Choose between devices and browsers - Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, Chrome, and more - to view, edit, submit, and collaborate on project, portfolio, and everyday work.

**Take action and stay up to date** in more places and on more devices than ever before.

- See and act on your tasks (including business and personal) in one location.
- Effectively plan and manage tasks in PWA with the help of new scheduling capabilities.
- Keep your teams organized in one location - their project site - where they can view project summaries, documents, tasks, news feeds and calendars.

**Flexible project portfolio management**

Align vision and effort to prioritize initiatives, select optimal project portfolios, and deliver on your business strategy.

- Effectively evaluate ideas or measure the strategic contribution of competing requests to determine alignments and streamline project initiation.
- Easily create workflows in Visio and SharePoint Designer to standardize project progression or rejection and improve governance and control.
- Quickly promote a SharePoint task list to an enterprise project in PWA.

**Effectively manage resources** to see what your teams are doing - even when they're managing everyday work or ad hoc projects in SharePoint.

- Better manage you're your project pipeline and what your people are working on by capturing your team's ideas in SharePoint task lists and measuring them in PWA.
- Accurately measure resource utilization and better manage resource allocation that aligns with your strategy.
- Seamlessly flow information from team member calendars in Exchange to Project Server 2013, simplifying project scheduling and task status updates while enhancing task-sharing capabilities.
Take advantage of new ways to collaborate and act quickly

Strengthen everyday collaboration with the social experiences of SharePoint, which facilitate discussions, information sharing, and your team’s ability to get work done.

- Easily share and curate what teams are talking about and working on by following people, sites, tags, and documents with news feeds.
- Utilize the search capabilities of SharePoint to execute everyday work and projects more effectively and find the right information.
- Take advantage of powerful security features to share information and collaborate with trusted business partners on projects and everyday work.
- Promote visibility with collaborative tools to seamlessly flow calendar, presence, and capacity information across your organization.

Seamlessly communicate with new ways to share conversations across time and space to improve overall teamwork.

- Hover over an individual’s name in your project plan to see if a team member is available to talk or instant message (IM) with Lync.
- Collaborate with your team quickly by dragging and dropping them into a Lync meeting for group conferencing, instant messaging, screen sharing, and shared work spaces.

Increase agility and control

Make data driven decisions by equipping team members and stakeholders with the information they need to stay informed and effective.

- Optimize utilization and plan allocation for your organizations resource requirements through the resource center in PWA.
- Use summary dashboards to help gain insights and make better decisions.
- Quickly mine and aggregate data on many dimensions via self-service access with Excel Services.

Simplify IT with an integrated admin experience with SharePoint.

- Utilize Active Directory (AD) synchronization in PWA to choose which AD group contains the teams that you want to assign to projects.
- Easily give your teams and trusted business partners the right level of access through a new SharePoint integrated security model in PWA.
- Utilize industry standards such as ODATA (open data protocol) for data mining and business intelligence.

Quickly innovate with a flexible PPM platform.

- Utilize apps from the new SharePoint Store to meet unique business needs.
- Quickly develop and deliver apps that help you shave time off discrete processes or connect to proprietary software systems.
- Take advantage of integrated experiences across Project Server, SharePoint, Exchange, Lync and Office to help you quickly act and respond to opportunities.
- Bring together different disciplines such as ALM, NPD, and IPM through a connected and scalable PPM platform.
### Capabilities

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<td>Be productive from virtually any device from nearly anywhere.</td>
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<td><strong>Work Management</strong></td>
<td>Easily manage and collaborate on work as a team without the structure of a project, but have visibility into the work for planning and reporting purposes.</td>
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<td>Gain visibility into projects, operational activities and everyday work. Streamline project initiation and progression by applying appropriate governance and control.</td>
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<td>Effectively identify, select, and deliver project portfolios that best align with your organization’s business strategy and maximize ROI.</td>
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<td>Deliver results with your workforce today and plan for the future to manage surplus and deficits across a planning horizon.</td>
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<td>Deliver the project on time with a map for execution and delivery framework to tracking progress and managing change.</td>
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<td>Adopt financial management processes and effectively track cost performance to ensure delivery within budget and that the portfolio realizes the forecasted benefits.</td>
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<td>Utilize a centralized and common approach to time reporting and task management.</td>
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<td><strong>Collaboration</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Issue and Risk Management</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Reporting and Business Intelligence</strong></td>
<td>Collect, categorize, understand, and make decisions about project data. Utilize business intelligence (BI) to provide visibility and decision support to proactively manage projects, programs and portfolios.</td>
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<td><strong>Program Management</strong></td>
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<td>Plans for 24/7 phone support for advanced IT issues. Microsoft community support provides online answers, how-to resources, and connections with other Project customers.</td>
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<td><strong>Project and Portfolio Management Partner Ecosystem</strong></td>
<td>Microsoft PPM solution is backed by hundreds of Microsoft Partners who earned the PPM Competency, undergone relevant exams and conducted numerous deployments in over 80 countries world-wide. When help is needed with assessment, envisioning, deployment or training and you are ready to engage with Professional Services organizations—reach out to a PPM partner in your region.</td>
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Managing project schedules in Project Professional vs. Project Server

Project Professional 2013 and Project Server are distinct tools which work together, empowering businesses to deliver winning projects while effectively executing and achieving strategic priorities. People across the organization regularly update statuses, manage resource allocations, report progress and balance strategic objectives. These people need different capabilities at different times.

Right tools, right time

Project Professional 2013 is the project manager’s everyday workhorse. They can easily plan projects and collaborate with others from virtually anywhere, staying organized and keeping projects on track with the only project management system designed to work seamlessly with other Microsoft applications and cloud services.

Project Online and PWA for Project Server link the team together and allow everyone to manage everyday work and collaborate effectively. Management also uses Project Online or PWA to access powerful strategic tools like Project Portfolio Management (PPM).

One of the easiest ways to understand the differences in these tools is to look at their output. Project Professional gives project managers the ability to manage complex project plans and easily synthesize information to guide teams in the right direction and report progress to management. Out-of-the-box reports present project data in an easily consumable format. Each report can be easily customized in an Excel-like experience. Sharing is simple, since reports are optimized for copy/paste.

Project management across tools

The Team Planner

The Team Planner is a particularly powerful tool within Project Professional 2013 which makes it easy for project managers to identify and resolve potential resource over allocations. Issues can be fixed with the click of a button as the scheduling engine automatically moves tasks to avoid schedule conflicts, or manually with drag and drop.

User interface and views

Another important set of distinctions between Project Professional and Project Online / PWA are the user interfaces and variety of views available to visualize and format project data. The web-based interface is ideal for access from virtually anywhere and works in most web browsers, and the Project Professional 2013 desktop client takes advantage of the extra power of the Windows environment to deliver a rich and immersive interface. Here we can see a sampling of additional views available only in Project Professional.
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