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A closer look at the latest PM product releases... PROJECT in a box

WHAT DOES IT DO?

PROJECT in a box is a methodology-led approach to project or programme management. Method Templates provide a definition of the process steps, documentation, reporting and assurance activities for use on a particular type of project. Standard ones are provided for PRINCE2®, MSP, Agile and sales processes, which can be personalised or created from new.

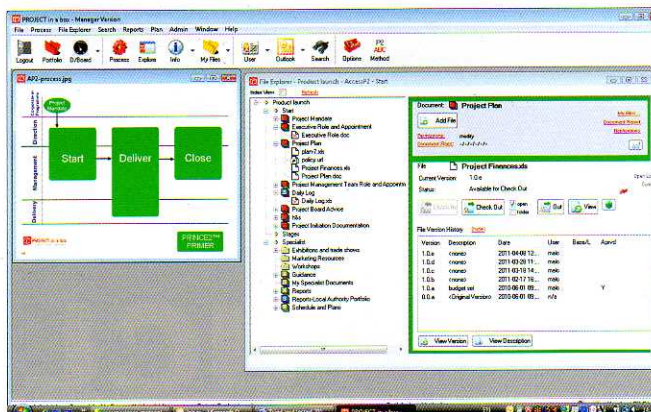
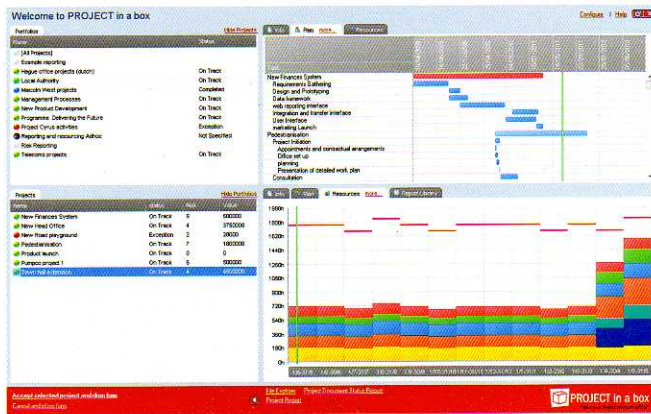
With one click, the project manager or PMO can personalise a proto-project to suit the particular project environment or requirements. The project team can then access the materials, guidance and prompts as they work through the methodology lifecycle in bite sized easy-to-understand sections. Supporting the core methodology process is powerful document management, email and notifications integration, planning, resourcing, task management and reporting tool sets.

Permissions controls enable the project manager or PMO to manage access and content within the team – even allowing customers and suppliers to have tightly controlled access to live project content online. Throughout, system tracking monitors user interaction, enabling compliance with methodology to be reviewed as and when required or QA audits to be simply undertaken.

A flexible reporting engine can assemble reports for single projects or merge data from an entire portfolio of projects into Word or web reports, including data from the leading plan file types, Finances tools, Risk, Issue, Lessons and Quality registers, in fact any spreadsheets. A publish mechanism is then available to share the reports with desired recipients.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- **Consistency** – own and set methods, decide what reporting data and formats are required or use standard ones out of the box.
- **Confidence** – see immediately how projects are being delivered in terms of management information, schedules and reports and methodology uptake and assurance activities.
- **Communications** – share and distribute content easily by email and automatic document and task notifications, include project emails in the internal documentation library for indexing and searching.
- **Cost effectiveness** – published open pricing from £99 for the individual and starting at £999 for 20 users in full multiuser mode.



YOU SAY...

Neil Murray, a director at global IP solution provider Global Crossing, uses PROJECT in a box extensively to manage UK Government sector projects.



"PROJECT in a box has been found to be a highly cost effective project management tool capable of controlling all projects irrespective of size or complexity...

...does what it says on the tin.

"User ability to create bespoke methods based on PRINCE2® including customisation of report templates and branding were the foremost reasons for choosing PROJECT in a

box as our preferred project management tool.

"Projects are easily controlled by means of the Dashboard which provides an instant status view of each project along with a useful set of information on the adjoining window wherefrom users simply drill down to more detailed levels, allowing teams to collaborate, stay on task, remain on budget and succeed at their projects.

"Because it is structured and set up using the PRINCE2® framework incorporating; start-up, initiation, planning,

execution and closure which capture the managing of stage boundaries, it serves as a constant indicator of what the current status of each project is, at any given moment in time. The application acts as a single depository that holds all project data, in an easy to access format which provides all the details required including; finance, schedules, registers and plans.

"All things considered the features and guides are easy to navigate and simple enough for anyone to use."