

At Last! **All The Pieces Fit!**

Web-Based Project Management

Proj-Net 2.1

The Exact Degree of Information for Every Level: Executives, Project Managers and Team Members

Project Web Centers are easy to develop, maintain and use. There's no need for technical 'know how.' Using simple techniques like point and click or drag and drop - project information is readily available to all.

Each project, team or department can have a separate web page with elements such as a project repository, central image, message of the day and user-defined links and tables. User-defined tables can be created and populated within Proj-Net or imported in from desktop applications (examples include information such as a deliverable list, vendors, important contacts, and product codes).



Task Master is used to generate, assign and track action items. Each task is defined and assigned to a reviewer and performer. While the task is open, Task Master systematically reviews its status and automatically e-mails reminders about past due actions. Action Item reports such as numbers of open, closed or late items are easy to create, post and save. Task Master is a quick and easy way to maintain control over critical project activities.



Schedule Master uses information exported from leading desktop scheduling systems such as Microsoft Project, Open Plan and Primavera to report on schedule metrics. The information in Schedule Master becomes a repository that serves as the foundation for further project analysis, comparison and communication.

Metrics are available by WBS and can include a criticality index, late lists, Gantt charts, task lists and graphics depicting planned starts and finishes versus actual starts and finishes. Multiple schedule sources can be integrated into a single repository. Schedule Master is a tool everyone can use to follow current schedule information.





Cost Master uses info regarding budget, actual costs, earned value and forecast in dollars and man hours imported from systems such as Microframe and Cobra to produce cost reporting metrics such as SPI and CPI. Reports on head count and graphs of budget vs. actual vs. forecast are easy to create. Cost Master's integrated information provides technical managers with desktop access to current cost information. Multiple cost sources can be integrated into a single repository.

Graphs

and

Reports Are

Ready at

a Moment's

Notice

| Risk | Cost | Schedule | Technical | Mitigation |
|-------------------------------------|------|----------|-----------|---|
| Existing Risk Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | From design team team group to team function pairs without being functionally or stability. |
| Hardware Cost | Yes | No | No | That software hardware cost to be stable list. Computer purchasing to be major cost mitigation item. |
| Add Features | Yes | Yes | No | Class of just application design shipping. Engage a consultant team available to sign off on cost of the software go ahead implementation and that cost the team time effort. |
| Test Laboratory | No | Yes | No | The center test laboratory large enough for the test bed. Design avoid open the laboratory build out by 0.50 M. |
| For deployment system and integrals | No | Yes | No | Developed to be installed in centrally located rather than scattered throughout the building. |
| Test team team development | Yes | Yes | Yes | Develop a plan to accomplish test through combining cost and development team. It will result in better integration cost and shorter cycle through greater team maturity. |

Risk Master maintains a database of risks and issues and their assigned technical, cost and scheduling impact. Risks can be assigned degrees of impact and probability factors. Users can create mitigation plans for each assigned risk. Information from the risk database is available to all project participants.



Metric Master is a technical metric tool that serves as a project's metric yard stick. It is often used to establish and track company-wide metrics. Information from any legacy system can be used to produce these metrics. Users define the performance measures by which a project and its most important elements are evaluated and tracked. Proj-Net provides the reporting tools.

| Task | Critical Activities | Total Late Activities | Late Starts | Late Finishes | Late On Activities |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Current Period 00000000 - 00000000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cost to date 00000000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cost to date 00000000 (OPEN 00000000) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Evaluation Master generates reports that contain cost information and schedule metrics combined with a manager's subjective interpretation and corrective actions. Technical managers use Evaluation Master to assess the progress of individual project segments. The subjective element consists of a status overview, accomplishments and issues. A traffic light indicator (red, yellow, green) is used to clearly convey a project's progress.

Proj-Net Provides A Comprehensive Approach To Project Information Management

Proj-Net is a bold, new approach to project management. It is a web-based system built from Java and Oracle that makes it easy to track and broadcast company-wide measures of project performance. All reports, levels of detail and performance gauges can be customized to suit enterprise, project and team requirements. More than a static method of web publishing, Proj-Net provides the tools to analyze and report on a project's progress. With Proj-Net, executives are able to survey a portfolio of projects while Project Managers direct individual projects. This unparalleled degree of communication, control and collaboration serves the information needs of everyone in the organization.



Digital Dashboard For Busy Executives

Complete Integration with Microsoft Office 2000

Integrated Information From Popular Scheduling and Cost Software

E-mail-Enabled Risk and Action Item Databases

A Virtual Office Where Data and Tools are Available Anywhere, Anytime

User-Defined Web Pages and Project Repositories

A Comprehensive Repository of All Project Data

Adhoc Query and Reporting on All Project Information

Reduced Cost Through Increased Efficiency and Communication

Finally, All of a Project's Reports, Tools and Data Are in One Place

Access Projects Anywhere, Anytime, Any Platform

As projects become larger and more complex, it is increasingly difficult to complete them on time and within budget. Inconsistent measures of progress, multiple computer platforms and decentralized teams make it almost impossible to fully understand where a project stands and effectively manage its progress. Now Proj-Net's Suite of Tools eliminates the terrible toll that distance and diversity can place on a project's progress.

Such a Simple Concept: Put all of the critical information in a single, central database. Provide the tools to manipulate the data and give everyone involved the ability to access and share information. Proj-Net does exactly that. It provides a central repository of project information and tools to analyze the data.

Translating Data into Information: Most projects have an overabundance of data. There are schedules, resources, cost data, forecasts and more - often all on independent computer systems, produced by a wide variety of software. All of that information can be imported into Proj-Net's repository and used to develop an integrated view of a project's progress.

Digital Dashboard or Detailed Reports: Busy executives can take advantage of Proj-Net's ability to display a personalized, digital dashboard where they can view summary metrics of a project or projects. They can drill as deep into the detail as any situation requires. Team members are able to access data and customize reports to suit their own, individual needs. They can save reports and graphs on a project web center for others to review and use. Everyone has access to the same information and tools.

Bring The Team Together: Regardless of where team members are located, regardless of the computer platforms and software, everyone can "plug into" Proj-Net's web center. Team members review specific WBS elements, add their own information and work on team tasks. Every person equipped with a computer and access to the network can communicate and participate equally. Proj-Net's ability to interface with Microsoft Office 2000, makes it easy to import and export information, regardless of the format.

Promote Active, Informed Decision Making: Managers who need to make far-reaching decisions appreciate access to all of the information about a project; information that spans multiple departments and disciplines.

Keep the Client Involved: A great way to keep clients happy is by keeping them informed and involved in a project's progress. With Proj-Net's new security features, customers can be allowed access to some (or all) of the information contained on a project's web center. When clients view a project as it progresses, they have much stronger feelings of control and involvement. As a result, they are far more likely to remain positive about the project, its progress and the process.

Capture and Learn From The Past: A lot can be learned from a complex project. Unfortunately, in the heat of 'battle,' it is often difficult to take note of important lessons. Proj-Net's project repository keeps a running account of how a project progresses, where things bog down and where important milestones are missed. When saved, these lessons from the past provide vital information that can help keep future projects on time and within budget.

Proj-Net

Converts

Disparate Data

Into Integrated

Information



Manage Projects with Clarity, Communication & Control

Proj-Net's tools – the data, reports and metrics it creates – are completely platform independent. The system and knowledge base can reside on any web server that supports Oracle 8. Users can access Proj-Net using any desktop system that runs Netscape or Internet Explorer 4.0 (and above) and is connected to the server via an intranet or the Internet.

There are several ways to learn more about the power and flexibility of Proj-Net. An on-line demo can be arranged by calling our office or by sending e-mail to sales@rationalconcepts.com. A short shockwave movie can be viewed at the web site or it can be downloaded and shared with others.

Rational Concepts has been serving the project management community with consulting and software solutions for years. Proj-Net is a culmination of the company's extensive experience in project management. To learn more about Proj-Net or about other project-related services call (760) 632-0444, visit www.rationalconcepts.com or send e-mail to sales@rationalconcepts.com.



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