

Project Management Module

OVERVIEW

The Project Management module within **The Priority** provides the capability of integrating your project management tracking with your business system. Now you can manage the activity dates, demands, deliverables and reporting within your business system whilst synchronizing all this data with the Gantt, PERT or Critical Path monitoring in Microsoft Project. Specific project tracking fields and functionality has been replicated in **The Priority** so that duplications between your Enterprise Management and Project Management systems have been eliminated.

PROJECT STRUCTURE

Work Breakdown Structure codes are identified against activities and automatically allocated to project levels to provide logical management of project tasks. Activities are allocated planned start and end dates along with priority, status, end product, and required resources. Those activities acting as payment milestones can be identified as such and those responsible for completion of the activity can be identified.

PROJECT SYNCHRONISATION

Project creation, tracking and updating can be managed either in **The Priority** or within Microsoft Project, whichever you find more appropriate. After each significant update, project data can be synchronized between the two packages to ensure the smooth management of **all** the company's operations. In this way the benefits of Microsoft Project can be coupled with the benefits of **The Priority** without having to lose any functionality from either.

COSTS - PLANNED & ACTUAL

As all requirements can be defined for all activities, a full planned cost roll-up can be performed. With the reporting of all cost elements, as they are committed, either against an individual activity or against the project as a whole, forms and reports will provide the complete up-to-date picture of planned against actual costs. These costs are identified as either material or labour in both planned and actual form.

▶ A well-rounded management tool for the tracking and monitoring of the most complex projects.

▶ Model the project according to standard work breakdown structure rules to allow easy management.

▶ Save the effort of updating two systems with unique synchronisation tools.

▶ Accurate on-line reporting makes for easier project lifecycle cost control.

PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS

Purchase requirements, directly from the project, can manifest themselves as either purchase demands (requisitions) or purchase orders depending on your corporate preference. Where there is in-house manufacturing requirements, this is neatly handled by the integration with the inventory, production planning and execution, and ultimately the purchasing modules of **The Priority**. Whichever mode of demand fulfillment is used, costs are allocated accordingly.

DELIVERABLES

It is important in project management to identify what will be the deliverable items of both the project and project activities. Reporting and tracking of deliverables can be direct to the customer or via specifically set-up project warehouses, both of which can supply the trigger for customer billing. The full power of the inventory module of **The Priority** is available for the handling of project inventory at whichever location the inventory is situated.

REPORTING

Progress reporting is vitally important in project management and **The Priority** provides the tools to identify the many aspects of project condition. Whether it is planned against actual costs, costs against invoices, estimated costs to completion, comparison of project versions, or any other aspect, there is a report to provide the project manager with an instant snapshot of progress. A dedicated Project Management Report Generator ensures that any aspect of further detail can be reported quickly and easily.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment for the project or for individual activities or deliverables can be used and combined at will. Milestone payments can be used and controlled according to activity progress, specific material deliverables can be billed when delivered or just allocated to a project warehouse and any project or activity labour can be invoiced as and when it is consumed by the project.

▶ Reduce purchasing admin effort by linking demands to project activities.

▶ Better visibility of project deliverables ensures better customer focus and satisfaction.

▶ Quick and easy-to-read reports mean less preparation time and less admin effort.

▶ Invoicing the customer according to the agreed project parameters.

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