CA PPM
and
Microsoft Project Server

Product Reviews and Buyer's Guide

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SOLUTION	CA PPM	Microsoft Project Server
OVERVIEW	CA PPM represents a single platform that enables you to manage your entire innovation lifecycle and make more informed strategic investments. CA PPM helps you track and prioritize market and customer requirements and make better decisions on how to invest limited resources, so you can optimize your enterprise, IT, service and product portfolio. Further, it offers the unified, comprehensive project management capabilities you need to deliver quality initiatives on time and on budget. Available...	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.
SAMPLE CUSTOMERS	Toyota Financial Services, GameStop, Polycom, Sky, Qantas, Cox Enterprises, Banco Mercantil, Borealis	Magnachip, Gwinnett County Schools, CLEAResult, Medbit Oy, Intelbras S.A., ETS, CORE Construction, Keller Foundations
TOP COMPARISONS	Microsoft Project Server vs. CA PPM Compared 20% of the time Planview Enterprise vs. CA PPM Compared 9% of the time Oracle Primavera Portfolio Management vs. CA PPM Compared 8% of the time	CA PPM vs. Microsoft Project Server Compared 22% of the time SAP Portfolio and Project Management vs. Microsoft Project Server Compared 16% of the time Planview Enterprise vs. Microsoft Project Server Compared 13% of the time
TOP INDUSTRIES, BASED ON REVIEWERS*	Healthcare Company ... 8% Financial Services Firm ... 9% Manufacturing Company ... 11% Marketing Services Firm ... 15%	Media Company ... 9% Government ... 9% Manufacturing Company ... 13% Financial Services Firm ... 20%
TOP INDUSTRIES, BASED ON COMPANIES READING REVIEWS*	Healthcare Company ... 8% Insurance Company ... 10% Manufacturing Company ... 11% Financial Services Firm ... 31%	
COMPANY SIZE, BASED ON REVIEWERS*	201-1000 Employees ... 8% 1-200 Employees ... 29% 1001+ Employees ... 63%	
COMPANY SIZE, BASED ON COMPANIES READING REVIEWS*	1-200 Employees ... 10% 201-1000 Employees ... 5% 1001+ Employees ... 84%	1-200 Employees ... 33% 201-1000 Employees ... 25% 1001+ Employees ... 42%

* Data is based on the aggregate profiles of IT Central Station Users researching this solution.

Top Reviews by Topic

SOLUTION

CA PPM

Microsoft Project Server

VALUABLE
FEATURES

Ted Shue

Flexibility is probably the most significant feature that we take advantage of. Being a large company with a lot of customized solutions, migrating from our legacy applications into PPM obviously has been a major challenge. The flexibility of PPM, our ability to customize it and configure it to our needs has been a big selling point of the tool. [Full Review]

Roman Nedzelsky, MVP

From my point of view, there are many features that are valuable for portfolio management, such as linking between company strategy and each project, resource management, overview of portfolio projects and their separate parameters for resources, budgeting and forecasting perspectives. I also mostly use resource allocation and resource assignments to see an overview of separate resources and specific project allocation. [Full Review]

Prabodh Kumar

Basically everything. * You can identify resources by roles. * You can manage by skill level. * You can manage your capacity by roles. * Assigning to projects. * Booking resources in Soft Book, Hard Book. * Gives you visibility into who is currently working on something else but may be available through the Soft Book feature. I like every feature that's in there. [Full Review]

IanRoberts

The key things are * managing interactions * resource allocation * resource-leveling, enterprise and as a collaborative tool, because we use it across multiple projects at a time. [Full Review]

Angela Strous

The ability to have all of the data in one place from risks and issues to resource capacity and actual utilization. We are currently undergoing an integration with our financial systems that will allow us to bring in financials into our cost plans and minimize the need for project managers to be going into both Clarity and the financial system. They will have everything all-in-one place, so that will be really beneficial to our users. [Full Review]

Nikol Zrenner

This product gives the ability to have all project data in one location and look across information while still giving PMs the flexibility to manage their project and have a tool to use with their team (fine balance between project management tool and management tool). * Views can be controlled organization role. * Custom attributes can be added as trigger levels to include in a management report, view or dashboard * The use of SharePoint allows team collaboration and gives the PM the flexibilit... [Full Review]

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IMPROVEMENTS TO MY ORGANIZATION

Ted Shue

Probably the biggest reason for going with SaaS is the thin footprint. Obviously, not having to engage our internal resources to basically support the infrastructure for PPM was a big selling point. The ability to essentially upgrade without a lot of involvement from our staff was another big selling point for us. Obviously, the vision is essentially to have transparent upgrades for the tool with minimal effort on our side. Certainly, going with the SaaS solution has allowed us to basically upgr... [Full Review]

Roman Nedzelsky, MVP

After implementing this product, the biggest improvement was with timesheet compliance with company rules, because resources had to write their allocation and time spent on each project, along with tasks across many projects. In addition, resources also had to fill in their non-project time such as administration and vacation. When they submitted their final timesheet, project managers of separate projects had to approve the specific time spent on their project and team leads approved the non-pr... [Full Review]

Angela Strous

It is shifting as we go through our agile transformation. In terms of being able to do quarterly status reports, board reporting, resource reporting, and that kind of thing, that has been ongoing at Schwab for a number of years. As we are shifting into the agile space, and having some differences of opinion between our card carrying PMPs and our card carrying agileists about what level of detail needs to be where, our agile community wants to manage things in terms of stories and sprints, but up... [Full Review]

IanRoberts

Traditionally, Microsoft Project has only been stand-alone, and we've never used it on a Web basis. Now we use it on a Web basis. It's been absolutely great in that sense, of being collaborative and also for resource-leveling, so that people can see at an instant just where everything is. [Full Review]

Luis Urrego

Doug Wilgar

CA PPM has given our organization a way to collect, share, and store data in one place as opposed to many. Prior to the install of CA PPM, we had to pull data from many different sources to compile even a standard executive status report. Since the implementation of CA PPM, we can now ad-hoc a report or dashboard that has all information (allocated project hours, resource lists, risks and issues, and other data, for example) in a matter of minutes. [Full Review]

* The centralization of all projects baselines in Project Server gave us control over the process. Additionally, we unified the information into just one source to report indicators, progress, milestones, and much more. * Microsoft Project Server gave us an easy way to list and classify our projects, creating great views for a high quantity of information with the Project Web Application. * We can now define our own project indicators and performance KPI's, according to our project process. Duri... [Full Review]

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SOLUTION

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ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Ted Shue

We're really looking forward to the integration of Agile Central into PPM. Obviously, we now have a solution that services the needs of our project managers and our portfolio directors. Being able to integrate Agile Central into our solution base here, obviously allows us to extend the reach of PPM from the project management and portfolio managers all the way down to the actual development teams. Obviously, bringing everybody under a consolidated umbrella will help unify the beginning-to-end li... [Full Review]

Prabodh Kumar

A little bit better financial management. Right now it is more accountant-related, the financial management - of course, it's finance, it has to be financial. But it should be a little bit easier for project managers. To give an example, if you have a non-labor cost that you're tracking, let's say a software expenditure or license subscription, tracking that you need to manage as a resource in the project plan, that adds a lot of effort for product managers to maintain. If they can come with way... [Full Review]

Angela Strous

We are still on 14.3. We have not used the new UX. I did laugh at Kurt's presentation yesterday, because he said, "You know what? Three years ago, we were up here, and I was standing in front of a bunch of PowerPoint slides. Now we actually have the functionality behind it," because that was my observation. Two years ago, they were basically just screen mocks, and it all looked great, but what do you do? My concern with the new UX is that my core users, the folks who are in Clarity day in and da... [Full Review]

Roman Nedzelsky, MVP

There is definitely room for improvement with the algorithms that are used for resource allocation. There should be options for using generic algorithms or multi-objective generic algorithms with more inputs from the resource and the HR department. This should really improve the way resources are allocated to separate project tasks. At the moment, there are parameters such as resource allocation, personal calendar and availability of resource. Also the role or added primary skill of resource, bu... [Full Review]

IanRoberts

I think they need more flexibility with licensing, because there are preconceived ideas that don't allow as much flexibility with the various licenses. [Full Review]

Nikol Zrenner

Risk Management: Risk and issues are stored in the project SharePoint but there is no real auto communication of assignments (unless the end user sets it up); there is no mechanism for automatic escalation (much needed). Issues are visible within the application (My issues area) so individuals can log in and see issues assigned to them. Project Managers can set up email communications when issues change. (Admin can't do it across the board but individual PMs can set up.) We flag issues that need... [Full Review]

Vendor Directory

Actimind	actiTIME		**KeyedIn Solutions**	KeyedIn Projects
Bicore	Bicore FLIGHTMAP		**Micro Focus**	Micro Focus PPM
BMC	BMC IT Business Management OnDemand		**Microsoft**	Microsoft Project Server
Bubble	Bubble Innovator		**Oracle**	Oracle Primavera Portfolio Management
CA Technologies	CA PPM		**Planisware**	Planisware
Changepoint	Changepoint		**Planview**	Planview Enterprise
EcoSys	EcoSys		**PowerSteering**	PowerSteering
GenSight	GenSight Enterprise Portfolio Management		**SAP**	SAP Portfolio and Project Management
Planview	Innotas		**Sciforma**	Sciforma
Instantis	Instantis EnterpriseTrack		**Smartsheet**	Smartsheet
ITM Platform	ITM Platform		**TeamWave**	TeamWave
Atlassian	JIRA Portfolio		**UMT360**	UMT360

Top Project Portfolio Management Vendors, Weighted

Over professionals have used IT Central Station research. Here are the top vendors based on product reviews, ratings, and comparisons. All reviews and ratings are from real users, validated by our triple authentication process.
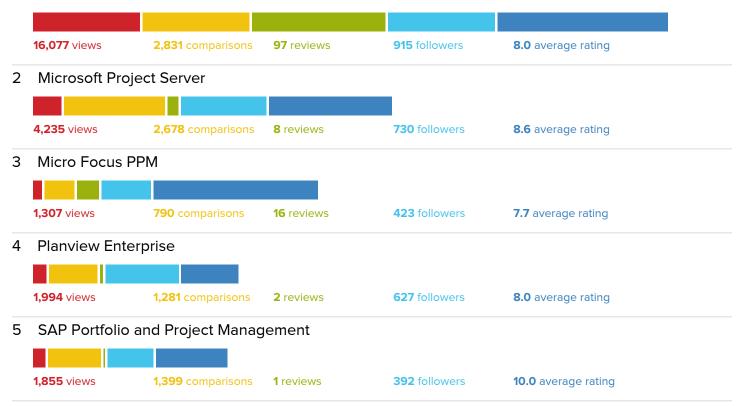
Chart Key

● **Views**	● **Comparisons**	● **Reviews**	● **Followers**	● **Average Rating**
Number of views	Number of times compared to another product	Total number of reviews on IT Central Station	Number of followers on IT Central Station	Average rating based on reviews

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The total ranking of a product (i.e. bar length) is based on a weighted aggregate ranking of that product's Views (weighting factor = 17.5%), Comparisons (17.5%), Reviews (17.5%), Followers (17.5%), and Average Rating (30%). Reviews and ratings by resellers are excluded from the rankings. For each ranking factor, the score (i.e. bar segment length) is calculated as a product of the weighting factor and its position for that ranking factor. For example, if a product has 80% of the number of reviews compared to the product with the most reviews in its category, then the product's bar length for reviews would be 17.5% (weighting factor) * 80%.

1 CA PPM

16,077 views   **2,831** comparisons   **97** reviews   **915** followers   **8.0** average rating

2 Microsoft Project Server

4,235 views   **2,678** comparisons   **8** reviews   **730** followers   **8.6** average rating

3 Micro Focus PPM

1,307 views   **790** comparisons   **16** reviews   **423** followers   **7.7** average rating

4 Planview Enterprise

1,994 views   **1,281** comparisons   **2** reviews   **627** followers   **8.0** average rating

5 SAP Portfolio and Project Management

1,855 views   **1,399** comparisons   **1** reviews   **392** followers   **10.0** average rating

6   Planisware

2,915 views   **960** comparisons   **2** reviews   **553** followers   **8.0** average rating

7   Innotas

1,441 views   **839** comparisons   **4** reviews   **448** followers   **7.0** average rating

8   Oracle Primavera Portfolio Management

1,751 views   **1,530** comparisons   **0** reviews   **612** followers

9   KeyedIn Projects

938 views   **635** comparisons   **1** reviews   **414** followers   **8.0** average rating

10   Smartsheet

1,323 views   **1,098** comparisons   **2** reviews   **198** followers   **8.0** average rating

Top 5 Solutions by Ranking Factor

● Views

SOLUTION		VIEWS
1	CA PPM	16,077
2	Microsoft Project Server	4,235
3	Planisware	2,915
4	Planview Enterprise	1,994
5	SAP Portfolio and Project Management	1,855

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About this report

This report is comprised of a list of enterprise level vendors. We have also included several real user reviews posted on ITCentralStation.com. The reviewers of these products have been validated as real users based on their LinkedIn profiles to ensure that they provide reliable opinions and not those of product vendors.

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