

Impress™ for Projects (for PeopleSoft ESA)

Impress for Projects enables fully integrated project management between PeopleSoft ESA and Microsoft Project or Primavera, allowing organizations to optimally plan, schedule, perform and account for IT, Capital and Service projects.

By combining the program management capabilities of PeopleSoft Enterprise Service Automation (ESA) with the project scheduling and execution capabilities of Microsoft Project or Primavera, project- and service-intensive organizations are able to more efficiently execute projects while maintaining appropriate project control and visibility. Impress for Projects enables these organizations to make the most of this powerful combination by automating critical cross-system business processes and data flows.

Improve Workforce Productivity

Impress for Projects automates the real-time flow of information between PeopleSoft ESA and enterprise project management systems, eliminating time-consuming and error-prone data entry. Project teams no longer need to report or approve time in multiple systems, or reconcile data discrepancies. Project managers can plan, schedule and execute projects, taking into account critical PeopleSoft-defined data such as resource and material availability, as well as the current budget and cost picture. By ensuring that the right resources are deployed at the right time with the right materials, organizations can significantly increase their workforce productivity.

Enhance Business Analytics and Decision Making

With Impress for Projects, project stakeholders can trust the information they see in either system. They are able to make timely, well-informed decisions based on accurate, real-time information. Fueled by information from PeopleSoft ESA, what-if analysis can be performed in the project management system to optimize schedules and resource utilization. Furthermore, with real-time access to actual and planned costs maintained in PeopleSoft, project managers can more effectively monitor a project's financial performance. From PeopleSoft, project performance can be tracked daily and potential problems pinpointed before severely impacting performance, with plan adjustments automatically sent to the project management system. Analysts can perform more accurate and timely earned value analysis, revenue recognition, and forecasting using real-time progress information from the project management system.

Control Costs, Boost Profitability

Impress for Projects ensures that project managers possess the information they need to eliminate idle resources and non-billable time. The solution delivers progress information to PeopleSoft at the right level of detail to enable more accurate and timely invoicing. This minimizes billing administration and dispute resolution costs, while improving Days Sales Outstanding (DSO) and cash flow. Furthermore, efficient execution can accelerate the successful completion of projects. For project- and service-intensive companies this leads to more cost-effective and profitable projects, and more satisfied customers.

Ensure Compliance with Sarbanes Oxley and GAAP

By automatically transferring progress information from the project management system to PeopleSoft, companies can more accurately monitor and react to material financial changes, while eliminating error-prone data-entry that can impact, even delay, financial reporting. In addition, analysts using PeopleSoft ESA gain access to project information that has been aggregated and organized according to the requirements of the financial system, enabling the accurate classification of capital costs and expenses according to SOP 98-1.

Benefit Summary:

- Align project execution and controlling
- Complete more projects on-time and on-budget
- Improve Sarbanes-Oxley and GAAP compliance
- Improve revenue forecasting and portfolio management
- Optimize resource utilization
- Reduce days sales outstanding (DSO) and increase cash flow
- Reduce integration TCO

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Manage Risk with a Proven Solution

Deciding how to integrate PeopleSoft, the system of record, with an enterprise project management system is challenging. With Impress for Projects, companies can eliminate the inherent risks associated with custom integration projects by entrusting the integration to a proven packaged application. Impress is trusted by Global 2000 companies to help plan, manage, execute, and account for complex, multi-million dollar projects.

KEY FEATURES

Synchronize information between PeopleSoft ESA and project management systems

- Impress for Projects performs a bi-directional transfer of information.
- Synchronization scenarios can be scheduled or performed on-demand.
- Synchronization scenarios can be configured for company-specific business processes.
- Failed and unfinished transactions are prepared for one-touch retry.
- Error management simplifies problem recognition and diagnosis.

Pre-built best-practice processes accelerate implementations

- Projects and Schedules: Performs round-trip synchronization of project data.
- Resources: Moves employee master data (e.g. calendar, capacity, rate information, generic resources) to the project management system to optimize planning and scheduling.
- Financials: Provides real-time visibility into actual costs and budgets, enabling all project stakeholders to track financial performance.
- Time and Expense: Allows decentralized entry of time and expenses by automatically generating Time and Expense entries in PeopleSoft based on entries in the project management system.

User Interface simplifies project synchronization tasks

- Browser-based user interface allows end-users to easily manage and monitor synchronizations from any location.
- Microsoft plug-in enables Microsoft Project users to synchronize projects from within their working environment.

Flexible, robust integration solution fully leverages Oracle's Fusion Middleware

- The Impress "built-to-scale" integration application, running on the Oracle Application Server, is designed and optimized for high-performance PeopleSoft integration.
- Pre-built integration processes are designed and executed using Fusion's BPEL modeler and execution engine.
- Security and authorization concepts are inherited from the Fusion platform.
- Simulation runs can be used to test synchronization results prior to changing data.



About Impress

Impress Software is a leading provider of packaged integration applications that enable quick and cost-effective integration of project management and geographical information systems with leading ERP systems, resulting in streamlined business processes. Impress solutions allow integration to be completed at a fraction of the time and cost compared to custom integration solutions. Impress Software solutions are operational in more than 75 customer sites worldwide, including global leaders such as AOL, BP, Rockwell Collins, US Army and Valero.

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