

Impress™ for Projects (for Oracle Project Portfolio Management)

Impress for Projects enables fully integrated project management between Oracle Project Portfolio Management and Microsoft Project Server or Primavera, facilitating the complete project management lifecycle for project-intensive organizations, including Engineering and Construction, Professional Services, Government, Utilities, and High Tech.

By combining the enterprise project management capabilities of Oracle Projects with the project scheduling and execution capabilities of Microsoft Project Server or Primavera, project- and service-intensive organizations are able to more efficiently plan, schedule and 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 Oracle Projects and 3rd party project scheduling 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 Oracle-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 Oracle Projects, what-if analysis can be performed in the project scheduling system to optimize schedules and resource utilization. Furthermore, with real-time access to actual and planned costs maintained in Oracle, project managers can more effectively monitor a project's financial performance. From Oracle, project performance can be tracked daily and potential problems pinpointed before severely impacting performance, with plan adjustments automatically sent to the 3rd party project scheduling system. Analysts can perform more accurate and timely earned value analysis, revenue recognition, and forecasting using real-time progress information from the project scheduling system.

Control Costs, Boost Profitability

Impress for Projects ensures that project managers possess the information they need to minimize unused resources and maximize billable time. The solution delivers progress information to Oracle 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 3rd party project scheduling system to Oracle, 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 Oracle Projects 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 accounting principles, such as SOP 98-1.

Benefit Summary:

- Align project execution and controls
- 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 Oracle Projects, the system of record, with a 3rd party project scheduling 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 Oracle Project Portfolio Management and 3rd party project scheduling 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.

User interface simplifies project synchronization tasks

- Browser-based user interface allows users to manage and monitor synchronizations from any location.
- Microsoft plug-in enables Microsoft Project Server 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 Oracle integration.
- Security and authorization concepts are inherited from the Fusion platform, to keep your data secured and accessible only by authorized users.
- Simulation runs can be used to test synchronization results, giving you the ability to preview changes before they are made in either system.

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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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