



SmartWorks **Project Planner** is an enterprise project management solution, which helps to plan, manage and track a project. It provides the flexibility to split a project into well-defined tasks in a spreadsheet like interface. This software allows a project manager to define calendar, create dependencies between tasks, mark milestones, assign resources, set priorities, maintain risk database, manage cost, view Gantt charts, resource distribution across projects and resource usage graphs, project graphs and more.

New Features of Project Planner 4.9



1	Quarterly Resolution in Gantt Chart/Plan Gantt View	The 'Gantt Chart' of a project can now be viewed in quarterly resolution also. This enhanced view will specifically be helpful for projects which span for long durations. The gantt chart can also be printed and exported as an image(*.bmp or *.jpeg), in this resolution. Also, the width of the 'Gantt Chart' can also be customized for the different resolutions, i.e. daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly resolutions
2	Export to MPX	The projects created using the Project Planner can be exported to MS Project Exchange format(.mpx), which can be viewed using MS Project and Primavera Project Planner.
3	Project State Change	There are various status present for a project, such as 'Canceled', 'Completed', 'Ongoing', 'Stalled' and 'Others', which the manager or an admin can set. There is an option to enter remarks while changing the status of a project. When the user chooses the status as 'Completed', while there are some tasks which are not complete, then an option to complete the tasks will be displayed. Hence, all incomplete tasks can be forcefully completed in one shot.
4	The Timescale Units in Gantt Chart	The project day number that can be displayed in the x-axis of a Gantt Chart has the option to be displayed with or without it's respective time scale. This option is present in the 'User Preferences' of the Plan View and Plan Gantt View. For example: The daily resolution of the Gantt Chart can be displayed, with it's x-axis as D1, D2, D3.....

Bugs fixed in Project Planner

1. The saving process has been enhanced to improve the performance, making it more robust and reliable.
2. The validations performed while importing the projects from MPP, PPR, XML files have been improved.
3. The check boxes in the 'Classic Skin' of Project Planner looked like 'cross marks'. Some of the users complained it was misleading. This has been replaced with a 'tick mark' image.

4. The error while importing the MPP file, where some of the resources were not imported, is fixed
5. The status of the summary task was calculated as 'New task' when all its sub-tasks had its duration as zero days or zero hours. This used to happen only when the option 'based on the duration and completion of the sub tasks' is set in 'Project Privileges'. This is fixed
6. The start and end dates entered in the 'Page Setup' dialog of the 'Gantt Chart' view was not taken into consideration while printing it out. The tasks between the start date and end date as entered in the 'Page Setup' dialog will only be printed out now
7. There exists an option 'Set Templates' for the 'admin' to add, edit and delete document templates of a project. The delete template option was not working as desired. This is now fixed.



New Features of Meeting Manager 4.9

1	Export Meetings to MS Excel	<p>The meetings can now be exported to an excel sheet. Various options have been provided while exporting the meetings to excel, such as</p> <p>a) A range of dates can be entered, between which the meetings have to be exported.</p> <p>b) The user can specify the fields which needs to be exported. The user has the option to select/unselect the following fields while exporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting ID - Meeting subject - Meeting agenda - Meeting status - Meeting time and duration - Organizer, attendees and non attendees details - Meeting room and resources - Action points for attendees <p>c) The user can also sort the meetings (both ascending and descending) by ID, date of the meeting and the subject of the meeting, while exporting to excel.</p>
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Bugs fixed in Meeting Manager 4.9

1. Reminders were set for the 'admin', whenever the meeting was organized by the 'admin'. The 'admin' cannot be an attendee for a meeting and hence the reminders are not applicable to the 'admin'. This is now corrected.
2. The error message "The calendar can not be modified. Please check if you have the necessary permissions to modify the calendar" which was displayed while modifying the calendar of a particular user, is corrected.
3. Sorting the users, whilst organizing a meeting caused the last user in the list to be selected. This is corrected.
4. The 'Associated SmartWorks Project' that was set while organizing a meeting, was not displayed while modifying that meeting. This is corrected now.

New Features of SmartTracker 4.9

1	Copy Report/Response	The users can copy a report and it's response, of a particular project in the SmartTracker to another project in the SmartTracker. This option is provided for all users, irrespective of their status.
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Bugs fixed in SmartTracker

The Root Cause Analysis(RCA) of a report/defect which can be entered while modifying the status of a report was not assigned correctly, when there were more than 10 RCA values. This is corrected now.

Other features of Project Planner

1. Create projects quickly and easily using Project creation Wizard
2. Plan a project by splitting a project into well defined tasks
3. Printable spreadsheet like interface to edit the project plan
4. Summary view to show the project health based on number of tasks and project duration
5. Project completion status based on duration and tasks
6. Changing status of multiple tasks and downloading multiple attachments
7. Improvements in document type task
8. Improvements in export to XLS™ feature
9. Option to enter actual duration of a task
10. Ability to add multiple resources and assign a task owner to a task
11. Mark the task progress by changing the task status in terms of percentage completion
12. Printable Gantt chart to analyze the progress with respect to time, resources or status
13. Save Gantt as Image
14. Critical path in Gantt Chart for in-depth project analysis and dynamic calculation of critical path and task slack

15. Calendar to set the working days in project, also ability to set number of working hours in a day
16. Task notes
17. Tasks filters for easy viewing of tasks
18. Support for Hyper links
19. Improved MPP reader
20. Network Diagram to see the project flow
21. Automatically generated reminder for lagging tasks
22. More interaction between SmartWorks software
23. Easy Editing Features
24. Estimation view to project completion based on the current status
25. Customizable warning mail configuration, for lagged tasks and tasks which are about to slip
26. Inbuilt risk management with mitigation and contingency plans and risk related graphs
27. Save, Update, Baseline and retrieve a Project Plan easily
28. Sharing projects by saving the plan in MS Excel, XML, HTML and Project Planner Reader formats
29. Capability to read MS-Project MPP file format
30. Cost graph and resource usage graphs which are plotted dynamically
31. PERT view to analyze project completions based on optimistic, pessimistic and realistic dates
32. Percentage allocation of resources for better resource allocation
33. Collect statistics of a project using Project Graphs
34. Hierarchy of Project users namely Managers, Leaders and Team members and login facility for data security
35. Ability to define the privileges of the users, for example block team members from viewing the cost graph
36. Network Support provides the ability to log on to a project from any machine in a networked environment
37. Resource Dependent Calendar: Each resource can have his/her own calendar. The calendar can be a Global calendar or the Project specific calendar
38. Earned Value Management (EVM) reports and EVM graphs
39. Facility for the admin to hide/unhide the projects
40. Along with the existing default skin, 2 skins 'Outlook' and 'Classic' are present

How do you benefit from Project Planner?

1. Project Creation wizard covers the key areas of project such as privileges, calendar, resources, tasks and risks. Predefined templates are available for faster project creation
2. View the health of the overall project at a glance at any point of time
3. Estimate the completion date of the project with respect to its current status
4. Keep a check on the resource availability and resource usage, over allocation for a resource at a glance
5. Keep track of your slipped or about to slip jobs by automatic warning and reminder mails
6. Multiple users can update the same project at the same time using the network support. Thus managers can view the project status LIVE
7. Know the effectiveness of Risk management with risk management contingency plan based on the risk
8. Estimate similar projects in future with the help of risk log
9. Share project by exporting the plan to MS-Excel, MPX, XML, HTML and PPR formats
10. Different view like Gantt view, Network diagram, Calendar view to view and analyze the plan
11. Get to know the project slippage and project status depending on number of tasks and number of planned hours dynamically
12. Critical path to identify project critical tasks

13. E-mail notification and reminders for important actions in the project

