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Project Manager | Best Practice “Day in the life”

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Introductions

- Take 5 Minutes
- Turn to a Person Near You
- Introduce Yourself



Agenda

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Open Discussion

- How many of you are PMs or are a part of the PMO?
- How many projects do you (or your PMs) typically manage at one time?



Typical PM Activities

Category	Initial Set-Up	On-going Monitor & Control	Project Closure
General Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create project & populate necessary data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add/monitor/update risks, issues, and change requests Create status reports (weekly/monthly) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set “Open for Time Entry” to no on project Ensure all risks, issues, and changes are closed or resolved. Complete final status report
Team Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine project work needed, estimate staffing needs and request roles or resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm roles filled with named resources. View variances between planned allocation, ETCs and actual hours. Modify resource allocations as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set resource allocations to reflect project close date. Set “Open for Time Entry” to no for all resources.
Task Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build project schedule/WBS. Sequence task/milestones, add dependencies, and link tasks. Assign resources to tasks and add ETCs. Run Auto-Schedule to identify critical path. Set Baseline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update project schedule with task status (started/complete) Monitor for proposed ETCs. Adjust ETCs as needed. Run Auto-Schedule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set task/milestone status to complete. Zero out ETCs Close tasks for time entry Ensure all future dates on tasks/milestones are set no later than project close date
Financial Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create Cost/Budget/Benefit plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View project variance between budget and actuals. Introduce change requests as needed. 	

Open Discussion

- How much time do you spend managing the data in CA PPM?
- What functions seem to be cumbersome?
- Which parts of the tool make things easier?
- How do we make the cumbersome items easier?



Use CA PPM: Transition Away from Supplemental Tools ⁷

- Use CA PPM to manage all aspects of your Investments, wherever possible:
 - Issues / Risks / Change Requests
 - Use Action Items
 - Use Milestones / Tasks
 - Use Baselines
 - Use Financial Plans
 - Monitor Team Allocations/Availability



**Excel is offline, often unshared, not real-time and most critically, not centralized. Centralizing any and all of the modules above will reduce complexity and increase accuracy and ease in reporting information to all project stakeholders.*

** Sharepoint is often “one more place” to go to review project data.*

**If your stakeholder has more than one PM or set of projects, they’re going to enjoy not getting emails with spreadsheets.*

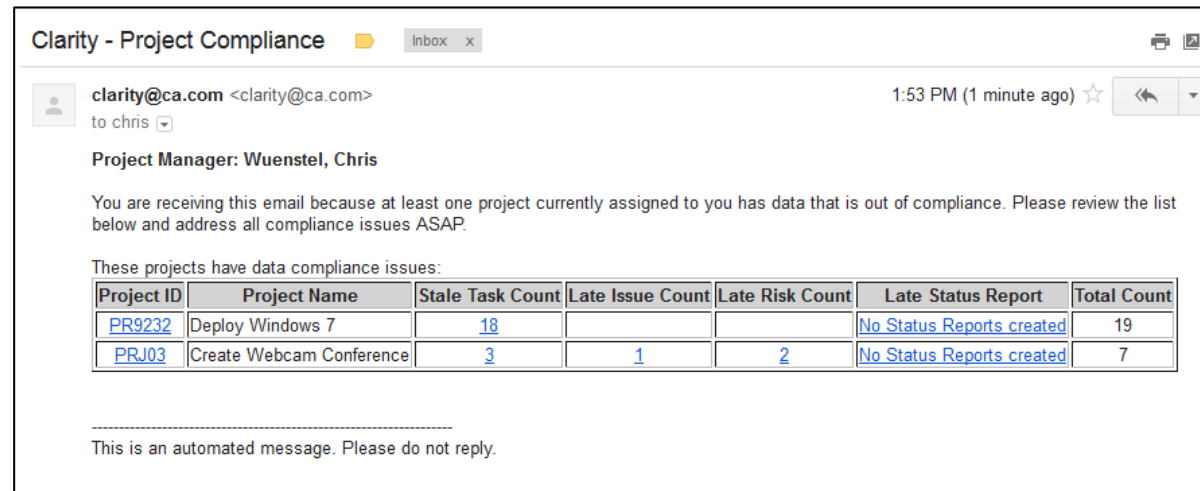
CA PPM New User Experience Facilitates Collaboration

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- Discussions are the primary landing page upon accessing a project in the new User Experience, available beginning in v15.1.
 - Team members can be tagged in conversations (15.2), and notifications and alerts can be managed within the tool.
- Resource requests can be tagged to a Resource Manager, and RMs can re-assign requests if necessary.
 - Notes/discussions remain tied to the request.

Make Information Easier To Access

- *Having your data organized, structured and current will allow for better communications and decisions.*
- Save filters and configure list views specific to you & your projects
 - Targeted information – they emphasize areas you need to manage
 - Keep data current by using email reminders (e.g., regoXchange “stalkers”)



Make Flags Easy To Identify

- Use indicators to identify what needs attention - red highlights issues.
- Allows you to focus on the items putting the team, department, or company at risk.

Power Filter [Build Power Filter]

Filter Show All Save Filter Clear

ID	Name▲	Overall Status	Schedule Status	Scope Status	Cost/EFT Status	Resource Status	Late Action Items	Late Issues	Late Risks	Late Milestones	Late Tasks	Schedule Var %	Days Over Base	Effort Var %	Hrs Past Base
PRUS100035	Colleague Conversion Phase II	⚠	⚠	✖	✔	✔	0	0	0	0	✖ 2	✖ (35)	82	✖	✖ (363,393)
PRUS100053	Compensation - Salary & Bonus Administration	✔	✖	✖	✖	⚠	0	0	0	0	0	✔	0	✔	✖ (54,969)
PRUS100047	ESS and MSS (Employee Self Service) & CM	✔	✔	✔	✔	⚠	0	0	0	0	✖ 1	✖ (20)	38	✖	✖ (588,504)
PRUS100228	PeopleNet Implementation - Phase I	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	0	0	0	✖ 5	✖ 14	✖ (165)	301	✖ (60)	✖ (3,415)
PRUS100513	PeopleNet Implementation Phase II	✖	⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠	0	✖ 2	✖ 3	✖ 26	✖ 62	✖ (127)	302	✖ (22)	✖ (776)
PRUS100974	Specialty PeopleSoft rollout - High Level Planning	✔	⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠	0	0	0	0	0	✖ (45)	24	✔ 43	✔ 0
	2011 NA PSFT Modernization	✔	⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠	✖ 2	0	0	0	0	✖ (3)	12	✖	✖ (68,846)

⊕ Milestones ⚙

Project	Milestone	Finish▲	Schedule %	Days Late
⚙ KI Training Project 1	Technical design complete	2/16/16	⚠	3
⚙ KI Training Project 2	Technical design complete	2/16/16	⚠	3
⚙ ERP Integration	Deployment Phase Gate Complete	2/17/16	✖	2
⚙ Radiology QPI Study	Initiation complete	2/17/16	⚠	1
⚙ Revised Technologies Financial System Integration	Deployment Phase Gate Complete	2/17/16	✖	2
⚙ mcm Major Project Onsite Training for Avis	Design Phase Gate Complete	2/18/16	✔	1
⚙ Retina Scan - Project	Post Launch Review	2/22/16	✔	0
⚙ ERP Integration	Closing Phase Gate Complete	2/23/16	✔	0
⚙ Revised Technologies Financial System Integration	Closing Phase Gate Complete	2/23/16	✔	0
⚙ Radiology QPI Study	Design Complete	3/2/16	⚠	1

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Simplify & Automate Reporting

- Status Reports should be automated based on CA PPM information you already update – no time to build a separate PowerPoint.
- Stakeholder information should be just the most important things:
 - More icons, less text.
 - Focus on key milestones, not tasks.
 - Highlight changes from last time, not everything.

**Scheduled reports or a formatted/filtered portlet will reduce the time and complexity required to compile stakeholder reports!*

Open Discussion

- How many of you have more work than hours in the day?
- What helps you make sure you get everything done?



Work With A Regular Cadence

- A predictable cadence allows the project manager to make sure they are continually focused on the right tasks at the right time.
 - Reports and portlets in CA PPM are only as good as their data. It is critical that your data is always up to date. If you don't have a regular schedule for updating your projects, you risk reporting (and managing your project) on stale or inaccurate data.
- The real power of cadence is in the habits it forms.
 - Cadence encourages discipline & discipline results in predictability. A predictable cadence helps to set expectations and provides a less stressful environment.
- Set up a consistent work schedule, one that makes sense for your team.
 - Schedules are critical, without them we have a harder time committing to a task. Like exercise, managing a project takes commitment and discipline. Making a weekly chart of tasks helps encourage this discipline.

Sample Schedule

- The following is an example of a Project Manager's weekly schedule.
 - Based on a Friday status/project team meeting.
 - Can be adjusted based on the CA PPM features used.

Process	Time per Project	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Team members submit their time sheet	5 min							X
Project Managers Review Pending Actuals (morning)	10 min			X				
Resource Managers Approve Timesheets (afternoon)	30 min			X				
Posted hours show up on project. PM reviews hours.	10 min				X			
Project Manager compares the planned vs actual cost to budget	30 min				X			
Project Manager updates the WBS	20 min					X		
Project Manager updates allocation for resources	10 min					X		
Project Manager reviews/updates risks, issues, changes (as needed)	30 min						X	
Project Managers Publish Status Report	20 min						X	
Weekly Team Meeting	30-60 min							X

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