



Project Assistants Newsletter

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View from the Top

PPM Technology: Selecting, Implementing and Adopting the Right Technology to Support your PPM Infrastructure

"The project manager who is waiting for the perfect project management solution will still be waiting 10 years from now."

-- Harvey A. Levine, in "Project Management Using Microcomputers", 1986

This month's release of Microsoft Project 2010 compels us to once again ask questions like:

- Do I understand the potential of this technology?
- Could this tool provide value for my organization?
- Are we prepared to make the cultural (people) and process changes necessary to effectively leverage this technology?

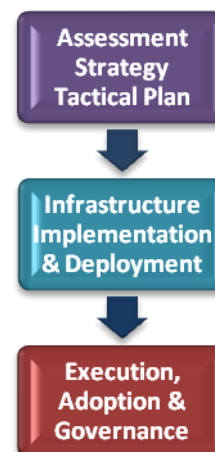
When Harvey Levine wrote these words 30+ years ago, who would have thought this wisdom would still ring true in 2010? Knowing that no project management technology is perfect, where do you go from here?

In order to answer these questions, it's helpful to first have a vision of where you want to go. Because the project management technologies available today have such a broad range of features and functions, organizations can be easily

Offering Spotlight – EPM Technology Deployments that Succeed!

Project Assistants offers the technical and theoretical expertise you need for a successful implementation and deployment of Microsoft Enterprise Project Management technology.

Based on experience gained delivering 200+ Microsoft Project-based implementations, Project Assistants has developed a well-honed implementation and adoption methodology.



Why partner with Project Assistants to implement new project management technology?

- Portfolio & Project Management (PPM) consulting organization specializing in the design, development and support of project management infrastructures leveraging the Microsoft EPM Platform
- Microsoft Gold Certified Partner
- Implemented Microsoft Project Server for 200+ organizations
- Several published authors for best selling

overwhelmed by the myriad of choices, promises of efficiency and glossy marketing materials. You need a method to sort out the madness.

In our experience technology for technology's sake rarely delivers the expected benefits. Features and functions alone rarely deliver the necessary value. In order to truly gain an acceptable return on your technology investment, you MUST assess your current and desired project management infrastructure and needs; select, install and implement the technology based on this assessment; and establish the governance necessary to ensure the technology is properly adopted.

[Contact us](#) if you'd like some help working through the questions raised in this article.

2010 Webinar Series

Topic: What's New in Microsoft Project 2010: Delivering Project Success

Date: Wednesday, July 14th

Time: 3:00 pm EST

Project Assistants is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the third webinar of our 2010 Webinar Series. On Wednesday, July 14th at 3:00 PM EST, Project Assistants' CEO Gus Cicala will address **What's New in Microsoft Project 2010: Delivering Project Success**

On May 12th, 2010 Microsoft released the latest version of Microsoft Project. So what's in it for you and your organization?

In this webinar we'll review many of the new features and functions of the Microsoft Project family of products, and we'll keep our focus on demonstrating how this functionality can improve project and portfolio management results and demonstrate ROI.

Highlights of this presentation will include:

- A concise summary of new features and functionality such as:
 - Key features of the new menu, interface and scheduling engine changes

Microsoft Project publications and selected industry periodicals

- We have a community of Project Management Professionals and Microsoft Project experts that support each other.
- Our consultants are typically Certified Project Management Professionals (PMPs) with a minimum of ten years of experience managing major initiatives.
- *In summary: Project Assistants has the Experience – Methods – Team – Tools to help you meet your project management goals.*

According to a recent report from The Standish Group, only 32% of IT projects are deemed successful (on time, on budget and in accordance with project goals). Our experience shows this rate is much lower for EPM solution deployment projects. So how do you ensure your EPM technology implementation project beats these odds?

[Contact us](#) to learn more about our "success guarantee" for organizations that adopt our proven three-phase solution approach.

Project Assistants on Facebook

Project Assistants invites you to visit and follow our new [Facebook page](#). Although our page is currently under construction, we intend to keep it updated with postings and discussions of issues and events of importance in and to the Project Management world. Learn more about our offerings, current career opportunities, and much more! Please [let us know](#) of any suggestions you have with regard to this page.

Project Assistants' Ongoing PPM-focused Webinar Series

As we are midway through the third year of our very successful Webinar Series, we want to remind you that recordings of our previous webinars are available for you to download and review at your convenience. Please visit our [website](#) to access these recordings, and don't hesitate to [contact us](#) with any questions.

Executive Track

- What Keeps a PMO Director Awake at Night: Selling the Value of Project & Portfolio Management (PPM) to your Executive Team.

- Integration of Portfolio Server and Project Server
- Workflow enhancements that drive the project definition and approval process
- Impact of changes relative to SharePoint technology platform
- Web-based project editing and scheduling
- Enhanced reporting and business intelligence

- How to unleash the power of these breakthrough improvements

This webinar, which is offered at no cost, will last for one hour and will include time for Q&A. Please [contact us](#) with any questions or click [here](#) to register.

- Evolve or Die: How Organizations Use PPM to Adapt to Change
- Making It Stick: The Project Management Adoption Challenge
- Executive Transformation: What Your Executive Team Needs to Know about PPM
- Resource Management: The Keystone to Successful PPM

PPM Strategy Track

- Which Came First: The Project or the Portfolio?
- Achieving Your Business Objectives: Best Practices for Integrating Portfolio Management Strategies with Project Management Excellence in Execution
- Building a Strategy for Integrating Program, Project, and Knowledge Management

PPM Technology Track

- Best Practices for Integrating Portfolio, Project & Knowledge Management by Leveraging the Microsoft EPM & MOSS Solutions
- Enterprise Project Management: Best Practices for Optimizing Resource Management

At Project Assistants we are THE EXPERTS in Project & Portfolio Management, devoted to effectively creating, enhancing and supporting our clients' project management infrastructures – the people, processes and technology that work together to help you reach your organizational goals.

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