

Project Version Comparison

Microsoft Office Project version Comparison

Project Features

Features

Project 98

Project 2000

Project Standard 2003

Office Project Standard 2007

Import Outlook Tasks dialog box

Yes

Yes

Yes

Easily import task data from the Microsoft Outlook To-Do Bar to create a Project plan.

Excel Import Wizard

Easily import and use data from Microsoft Office Excel to start a Project plan.

Resource information import

Yes

Yes

Import resource information from the Active Directory directory service or your Microsoft Exchange Server address book.

Smart Tags

Get automatic, contextual suggestions alerting you to scheduling options.

Built-in online help

Yes

Yes

Use Microsoft Office Online to get training, templates, and more.

Additional Project templates

Jump-start common projects and promote consistency.

Interactive, step-by-step planning aid

Yes

Yes

Set up and manage projects effectively with the Project Guide.

Calendar wizard

Simplify the setup process for project calendars and changing working time.

Manage non-working time

New

Named vacations and the option of setting up alternative work weeks enable users to control and understand when resources can work.

Change Highlighting

New

When changes are made to a project, all affected task and resource fields are highlighted. Easily see how your change affects the dates of successor tasks, summary costs, and more.

Multiple Level Undo

New

Reverse the most recent series of changes; that is, undo and redo changes to views, data and options. This functionality also enables you to undo actions or sets of actions from macros or third-party applications.

Project Reporting

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Presentation Wizard

Yes
Yes

Smoothly transfer Project data to Microsoft Office PowerPoint, Microsoft Office Word, or Microsoft Office Visio.

Printing Wizard

Yes
Yes

Easily format and print concise custom Project reports.

Visual Reports for Excel

New

Use Excel to produce charts and graphs based on Office Project 2007 data. Analyze different dimensions of your project with PivotTable views and charts.

Visual Reports for Visio Professional

New

Build work breakdown structure (WBS) or resource diagrams in Office Visio Professional. With data-driven diagrams, users can show progress bars, flag important tasks, color-code on cost, or create custom diagrams to match their project needs.

Report templates

New

Office Project 2007 offers report templates for Office Visio and Office Excel to help a user analyze resource availability, understand project progress and costs, and perform other tasks. Users can customize these reports or create their own templates in Office Visio and Office Excel to share with other Office Project users.

Desktop OLAP cube

New

Create customer reports or archive Project values with data exported from Office Project 2007 into a Microsoft Office Access database and Online Analytical Processing (OLAP) cubes. Six cubes are generated: task time-phased, task non-time-phased, resource time-phased, resource non-time-phased, assignment time-phased, and assignment non-time-phased.

Background Cell Highlighting

New

Highlight important dates, costs, or tasks by changing the background color of cells in the table portion of the view.

Hijri Calendar

New

The lunar calendar that is used in Islamic regions.

Task Dependencies

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Gantt charts, calendars, and task sheets

Yes

Yes

Yes

Improved

Present Project data in versatile views.

Network Diagram view

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Group tasks and display graphical indicators in the Network Diagram view.

Cross-project critical path

Yes
Yes
Yes

Calculate the critical path across all inserted projects to see a single critical path for the overall master project.

Task Driver pane

New

Shows prerequisites and resource constraints that drive the start date of the selected task. The user can click these drivers to link to the relevant information.

Project Tracking

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Reschedule uncompleted work

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Maintain constraints when uncompleted work is rescheduled, and select any reschedule date.

Assign a deadline to a task

Yes
Yes
Yes

Keep track of when a task finishes without constraining the project plan.

Formulas and graphical indicators

Yes
Yes
Yes

Assign formulas, pick lists, and apply graphical indicators to custom fields to keep track of projects.

Grouping

Yes
Yes
Yes

Consolidate and report project information in a variety of ways by using predefined groups or creating custom groups. Group on assignment fields in addition to tasks and resources, and roll up time-phased data totals to group summary rows in Usage views.

Material resources

Yes
Yes
Yes

Specify consumable resources such as lumber or concrete and assign them to tasks. Allocate these resources in units that make sense, such as tons.

Resource availability graphs

Yes
Yes

Evaluate resource workload and availability using the Graphs button in the Assign Resources dialog box to identify the best resource available for the task.

Add-in for comparing Project files

Yes
Yes

Compare two versions of the same project and report results.

Baseline rollup

Yes
Yes

Control how baseline data is rolled up to summary tasks to help ensure up-to-date tracking of projects.

Cost Resources

New

Helps enable users to define multiple named time-phased fixed costs on a task. These costs can be grouped and reported as part of a cost type. Supports integration of Office Project 2007 with accounting systems.

Budget Tracking

New

Define a budget at a high level (program or project) so the project manager can allocate funds and track costs, work, and materials against the budget.