

Oracle Instantis EPPM and SaaS Solution for Multi-Project Initiatives

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Einleitung

Oracle's Instantis EnterpriseTrack is the leading project portfolio management (PPM) solution used by business process leaders to improve financial performance and achieve operational excellence. It provides an end-to-end solution for managing, tracking, and reporting on enterprise strategies, processes, projects, programs, portfolios, resources, costs, and benefits. Global corporations rely on Instantis to meet the distinctive requirements of their strategic project portfolios such as continues process improvements, enterprise project management offices (PMOs), new product development and IT PPM.

Introduction

Instantis EnterpriseTrack is a rich featured, cloud-optimized application for end-to-end PPM in enterprise environments. The system delivers the unique ability to align strategy and business processes with project execution in a single environment. Instantis EnterpriseTrack has distinguished itself in the market as the only solution with the proven ability to:

- Meet the unique needs of multiple project portfolio types—such as continues process improvement (Lean Six Sigma), enterprise PMO, new product development and IT—in a single system
- Drive strategy execution from the top down, rather than just ensuring strategy alignment from the bottom up
- Meet the most-challenging demands of the largest global deployments and effectively manage all phases of the process excellence journey: launch, early success, scale replication, institutionalization, and culture transformation

The application differentiates itself in the market relative to traditional PPM vendor solutions by being easy to deploy quickly, easy to use and administer and easy to afford. Oracle Instantis is a secure, 100 percent Web-based application available for deployment both on-premises and in the cloud. It is known for its unmatched out-of-the-box configurability and deployment time frames, which can be measured in days, not months. The heart of the platform is its dashboard and reporting capabilities. They enable organizations to easily, securely, and instantly compose and share dashboards and reports. In addition, dashboards and reports can be configured to securely roll up and report on project resources, progress, financials, and results within and across project portfolio types, making it an ideal solution for enterprise PMO and IT. Included is the Enterprise Stream module, the first purpose-built, seamless collaboration and social networking capability for PPM practitioners and stakeholders across the enterprise. The below figure show a simple overview of the core PPM functionality of Instantis EnterpriseTrack. A brief review of each of its components and their roles in supporting PPM initiatives and PMO functions follows.



Figure 1: Complete PPM “lifecycle” core functionality of Instantis EnterpriseTrack

Instantis EnterpriseTrack Features and Benefits

Plan

The Strategy Manager module enables organizations to define a hierarchical portfolio of strategic goals and initiatives and use it to drive business strategy execution from the top down via aligned projects. The Process Manager module enables process owners to define hierarchical process maps, assign, roll up, and monitor process metrics and key performance indicators, and manage change via linked continuous improvement projects.

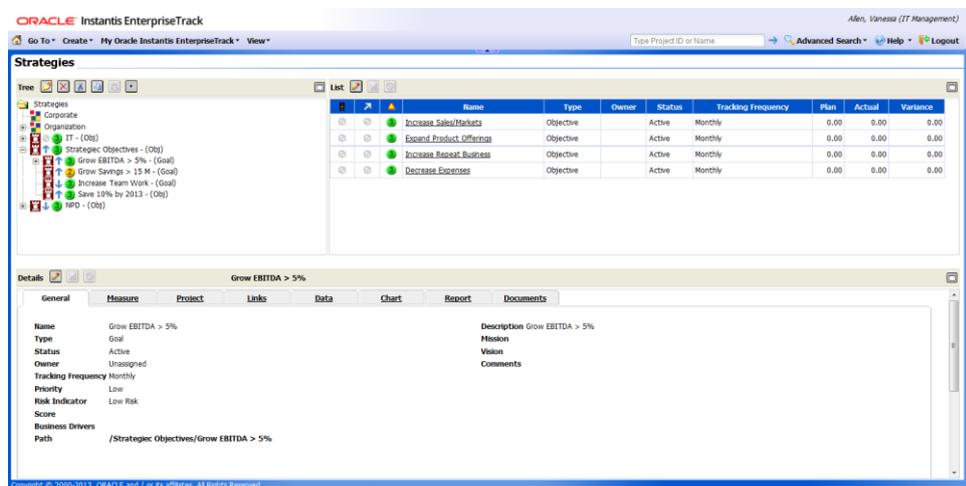


Figure 2: Strategy Manager shows a hierarchy and projects aligned with the selected strategy

Instantis supports a simple strategy alignment feature that makes it possible to link projects to established strategic objectives. This provides bottom-up, line-of-sight visibility between project activities and higher-level corporate priorities such as balanced scorecards, objectives, KPIs, and performance targets. In addition, the Strategy Manager module provides a more sophisticated top-down approach that begins with a statement of strategic objectives, which are represented in the system as a strategy portfolio hierarchy or tree. Projects can then be ideated, selected, and executed according to their ability to drive strategy execution—not just alignment with corporate priorities.

Select

The Idea Manager module automates user's suggestion box and enables easy capture and evaluation of online ideas for process improvement projects. With configurable business rules, ideas can be routed for additional work such as scoring and alignment with corporate strategies, business goals, and/or entities. The Proposal Manager module enables the promotion of an idea or the creation of a new business case or charter that proposal teams can then evaluate against a consistent set of weighted selection criteria. Proposal Manager also manages stakeholder assignment, stakeholder sign-offs, and alignment with strategic goals and affected organizational entities.

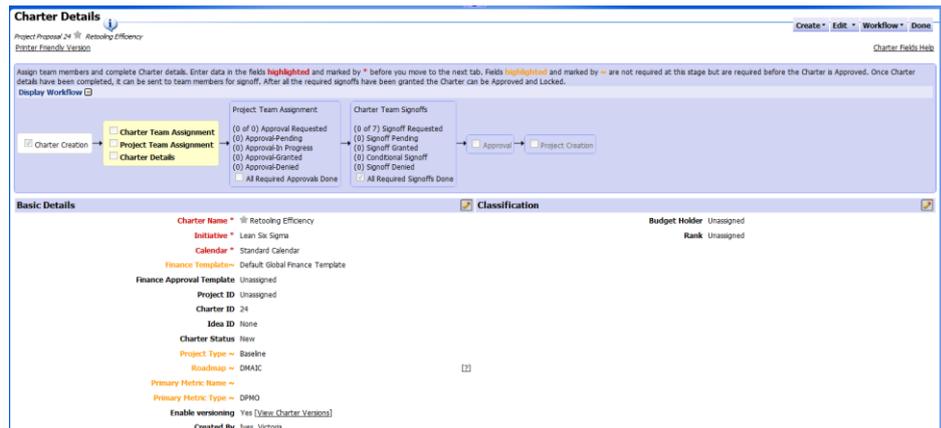


Figure 3: Proposal Overview shows a workflow in process, including detail and sign-off / approval status

Mobilize

Instantis Resource Manager provides advanced functionality for mobilizing the resources required for successful execution of selected projects. Resource Manager is used to assign resources and track utilization. It provides the ability to do resource searches based on several attributes such as expertise, training, certifications, and availability. Module enables several useful graphical views of resource utilization, including work assignment and completion timelines (Gantt charts) and charts of daily/monthly workload by user. It provides the flexibility to track time by user across one or more projects and also account for non-project and non-working time. The VoC Manager module provides a unique survey administration capability that can be used to mobilize the voice of the customer (VoC); establish VoC metrics; and gather VoC feedback in any phase of the project lifecycle, from ideas to results.

Execute

The Project Manager module ensures best-practice application of chosen methodologies. It increases project visibility, including status, issues, and risks, and guides project team execution in achieving goals. The Knowledge Manager module streamlines project execution and enhances work management practices by leveraging a centralized knowledgebase of project best practices, documents, tools, and templates.

Measure

Instantis Financials Manager and Metrics Manager modules are used to manage all financial and non-financial project, program, and portfolio metrics. Financial measures are calculated and tracked for all hard, soft, and theoretical cost savings over the life of a project. Performance can be tracked by nonfinancial metrics of choice, such as defects, time, output, and yield. Metric data can be viewed at the project or dashboard level as well as in Excel spreadsheets and other external sources.

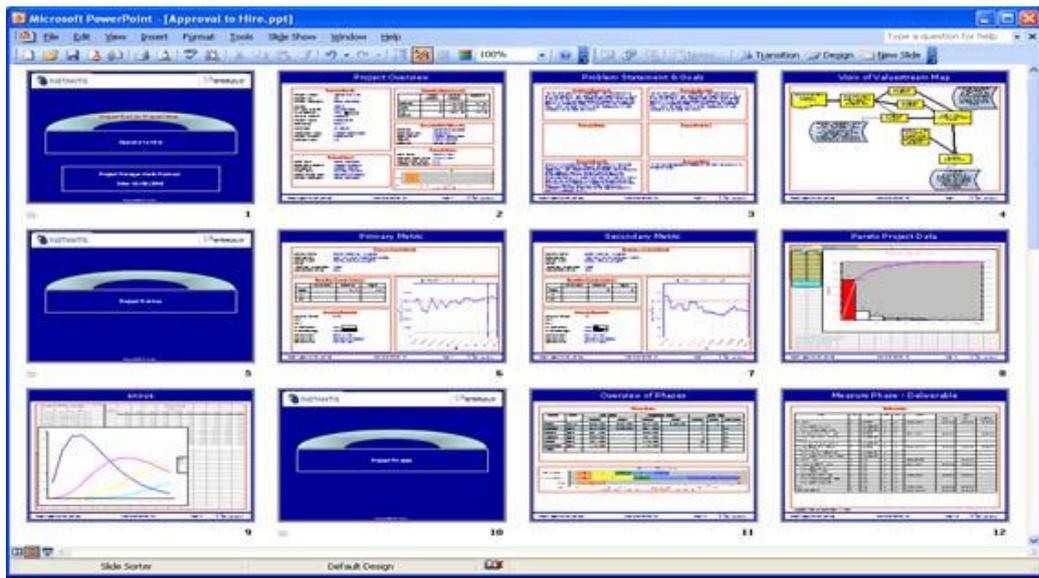


Figure 4: Dynamically generated, MS Powerpoint report shows the project summary and detail information and other embedded documents

Conclusion

Instantis EnterpriseTrack will enable organizations to complete more, higher-value process improvement projects. More projects multiplied by a higher average value per project equals a compelling ROI. The solution accomplishes this by centralizing and streamlining otherwise siloed and manual non-value-added tasks such as collecting and formatting data for reports; searching for project information and tools; and assigning, communicating, and tracking project tasks. Productivity is further accelerated by the ability to leverage configurable project and financial workflows, alerts, and notifications; integrated resource management; and a centralized knowledgebase for sharing best practices and project templates. EnterpriseTrack enables to complete higher-value projects by facilitating idea and VoC capture; standardizing project selection criteria and financial measures to make like comparisons of project ideas and results; and ensuring alignment with strategic priorities, key balanced scorecard metrics, and process performance metrics.

In sum, with Instantis EnterpriseTrack project leaders will spend less time administrating and more time coaching and driving performance excellence and validated financial benefits. Best-of-class dashboards illustrate and communicate business value. As deployments matures, the business value of Oracle's Instantis EnterpriseTrack will center more on the solution's ability to serve as a strategic executive management system that gives leadership the visibility and oversight capabilities necessary to better control business strategy and process execution.

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