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The easiest all-in-one web based project management software

Reviewer's Guide



Welcome Letter

Back in 2003, when Logic Software Inc. needed a project management system for our own use, we were disappointed by the available options. The most common approach to project management was the use of paper, whiteboards, and spreadsheets; however, this approach was cumbersome, non-collaborative, and difficult to scale. Desktop applications presented additional problems, putting limits on customer access and lacking all-in-one capabilities. Further, complex enterprise tools were unnecessarily complicated and overly expensive.

With no suitable options, we decided to take the matter into our own hands. This marked the beginning of the easiest all-in-one web based project management software, Easy Projects .NET. Unlike the majority of products on the market, Easy Projects .NET focuses on features of actual use to organizations rather than fancy "bells and whistles". Although we initially created the product for our own needs, Easy Projects .NET soon gained popularity among Logic Software's existing customers, thus launching the product into the commercial market.

This reviewer's guide has been created to help familiarize you with Easy Projects .NET and provide you with valuable resources for your evaluation of the product. The guide consists of a general overview of the software, as well as an in-depth look at the product's features. Easy Projects .NET has an impressive customer base and was a finalist in the 2008 Jolt Product Excellence Awards. I hope you enjoy Easy Projects .NET and I look forward to working with you.

Best Regards,

Vadim Katcherovski
CEO
Logic Software Inc.



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Testimonials

"Most of the project management software we tried became projects in themselves. EasyProjects lives up to its name. It had all the features we needed and it's easy to use."

Jonathan DeLisser
President, DreamMark Corp.

"Since using EasyProjects we have noticed turnaround of request in hours instead of days.

EasyProjects was very easy to install and management is non-essential. In my opinion, for the money, EasyProjects would be hard to beat."

Mark Turpin
Product Leader, D.I.S.C. Inc.

"We're spending a quarter of the time and money we needed to invest in our prior systems and we're seeing twice the results."

Aaron Hamilton
Director of Information Technologies, National Underwriter Company

"This is by far the best upgrade from any project management software anywhere."

Dennis McCarthy
SVP/CIO, Superior Residences Inc.

"Even if there were another product as good as EasyProjects... I'd never switch because of your support. I am a fanatic about customer service and I cannot recall working with any company that provides the support I've received from EasyProjects."

Pamela Kurschner
Project Manager, Access Computer Technology

Clients

Easy Projects .NET is used in 27 countries by thousands of customers. From individual consultants to some of the world's most recognized organizations, our project management software suits a wide variety of needs.

Some of our customers include:





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Overview

Easy Projects .NET is a Web 2.0 AJAX-based project collaboration software, specifically designed to make project management, task tracking and team collaboration hassle free and straightforward. Positioned as the easiest all-in-one web based project management software, Easy Projects .NET incorporates built-in time sheets, issue tracking, and customer request tracking with an easy-to-use project management tool.

The product's intuitive interface and contextual tips enable novice users to focus on projects rather than learning the system, while experienced users will appreciate the rich functionality and "down-to-Earth" approach.

Unlike many of its competitors, Easy Projects .NET really is easy to use. Getting started with Easy Projects .NET is as simple as watching a few video tutorials, attending a short webinar, or using the online help section- no intensive training program is required.

Further, the product is competitively priced and provides 24/7 secure access from any internet-connected computer. As an added bonus, Easy Projects .NET provides users with a highly responsive and knowledgeable support team, accessible both by email and by phone.

True to its name, Easy Projects .NET proves that project management can be easy!



Competitive Advantage

Currently, most project management software is non-collaborative, difficult to use, and expensive to implement. These applications are missing crucial all-in-one features such as time and issue tracking, as well as customer request management. Easy Projects .NET was created to fill this void in the market. Its user-friendly and intuitive interface, all-in-one functionality and source code availability are just some of the ways Easy Projects .NET distinguishes itself from the competition.

The product's flexible pricing system provides organizations with yet another benefit. Typically, project management software requires full-price licenses for each user, including all customers. These costs are largely unnecessary since most customers do not require full access to the program. With Easy Projects .NET's "Limited User" plan, users who routinely check project status and submit issues and requests, but have no use for editing rights receive product licenses at a greatly discounted price.



Comparative Matrix

Feature	Easy Projects .NET	Basecamp*	Microsoft Project 2007
Purchase Price	\$149,00	N/A	\$599,95
Number of users included in price	1	N/A	1
Number of projects included in price	Unlimited	N/A	Unlimited
Monthly Lease	\$15,00	\$24,00	N/A
Number of users included in price	1	Unlimited	N/A
Number of projects included in price	Unlimited	15	N/A
Features			
Desktop module	+	-	+
Desktop Timer Application	+	-	-
ASP module (web access)	+	+	Requires MS Project Server
Assign tasks to multiple users	+	-	+
Task dependency	+	-	+
Task hierarchy	+(no limit)	-	+
Financials / Billing	+	-	+
Custom reports	+	-	+
Message Boards	+	+	-
Gantt Charts	+	-	+
Centralized Collaboration Center	+	+	-
Support			
Phone support	+	-	+
Email support	+	+	-
Remote Access support	+	-	-
IM support	+	-	-
Other			
Source Code available	+	-	-
API / SDK Available	+	+	+
Issue Tracking	+	-	-
Customer Request Tracking	+	-	-
Custom fields	+	-	+

* Base plan



Highlighted Features

AJAX-based Interface

Easy Projects .NET's use of AJAX on-demand technologies ensures that the system's unparalleled fast performance is unaffected by the number of projects and tasks in the database. Contextual menus, drag and drop functions and spreadsheet mode create a familiar and intuitive user experience that encourages collaboration, decreases the learning curve and virtually eliminates the natural resistance to new tools.

Source Code

Unlike most software companies, Logic Software Inc. offers the option of obtaining Easy Projects .NET source code. Built upon Microsoft .NET framework and Microsoft SQL Server, the source code package can be further modified to meet any organization's requirements or easily incorporated into an organization's existing system.

API

Another available option is the Easy Projects .NET API, an interface for accessing Easy Projects data using external applications. Without touching the database or using the EP.NET Source Code package, API allows organizations to easily integrate their desktop or web-based applications with Easy Projects .NET.

Estimation Analysis

Estimation analysis is a unique feature that will dramatically improve team estimations. Every time an activity is assigned to a user, Easy Projects .NET will analyze his or her estimation history, comparing original estimation times with actual time spent on all activities. Based on this historical data, Easy Projects .NET will suggest how the estimated time of the current task should be adjusted.

Import & Export

Using the import/export function, project data already stored in MS project can be easily transferred to Easy Projects .NET and back again. Tasks can also be imported from MS Excel .CSV files, and any reports generated in Easy Projects .NET can be exported back to MS Excel format. Calendar data can be exported to iCal, synchronizing a user's activities and events with Outlook 2007 or Google calendars.



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Screenshots

Project List

Filters

Customer: All customers

Priority: All priorities

Project List displays all projects available to you based on your access permissions. You can sort, filter and view these projects. You can also import the existing project data from MS Project ®.

Project List

Est. hours	Status	Property Location
124	Open	
701	Open	California

You can choose what project details to be displayed in the project list table: Customer, Priority, Current Progress, Estimated Completion Date, Estimated Duration, Project Status, etc.

Open project tasks

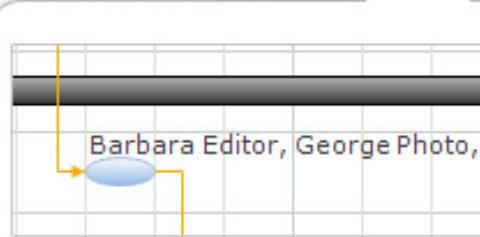
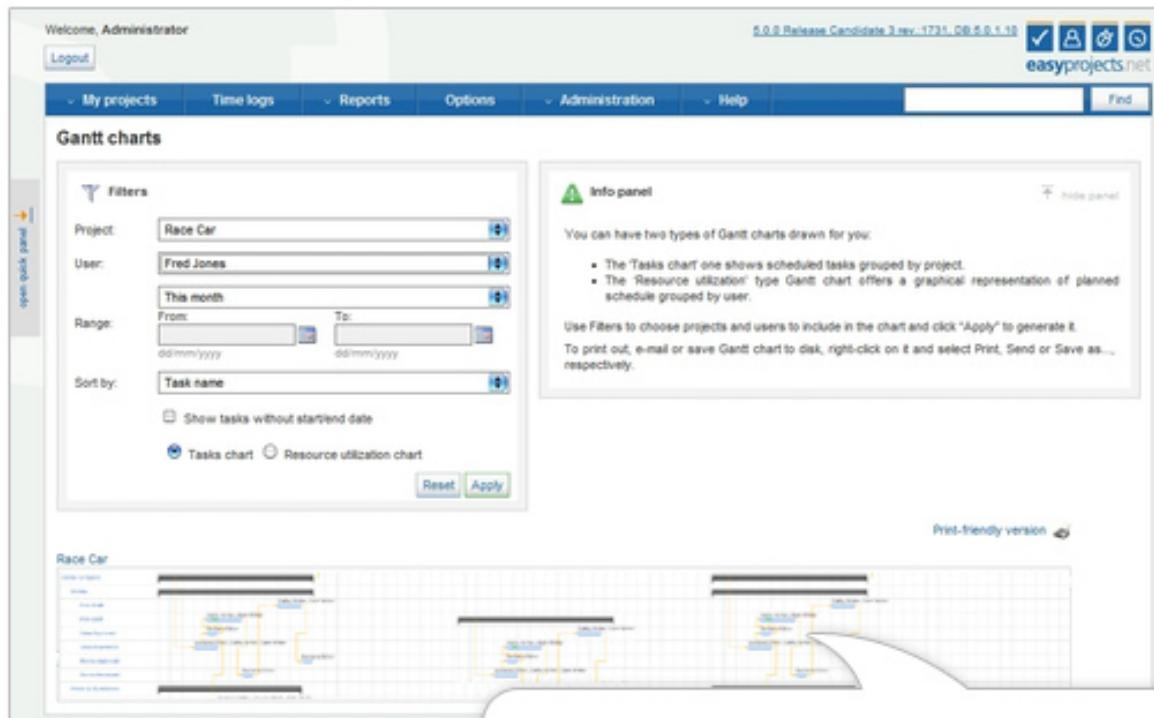
- Create task for this project
- Delete this project
- Duplicate project
- Show project messages
- Show project workflow
- Show project attachments

Contextual menu allows you to quickly access commonly used actions and commands related to the selected project.



Screenshots

Gantt Chart



Gantt Chart provides you with a graphical representation of your team workload. It is an excellent tool for project monitoring and determining what has to be done to complete a project by the deadline. You can view the workload grouped by projects or by people.



Screenshots

Time Logs

Add entry to time log

Day: Project:

Assessment

Time Log screen allows users to track their time spent on tasks, issues or requests.

Time logs

Add entry to time log

Day: Project: Date: Add To: Duration:

Assessment: Total for all users:

Estimated hours	Actual hours
00:00:00	00:00:00

Description:

Add a new entry

Time log history

Time sheet for: Total:

Project: Total:

Date: Total:

Time sheet for: Total:

Range:

Summary Graph

Day	Hours
Mo.	8
Tu.	7

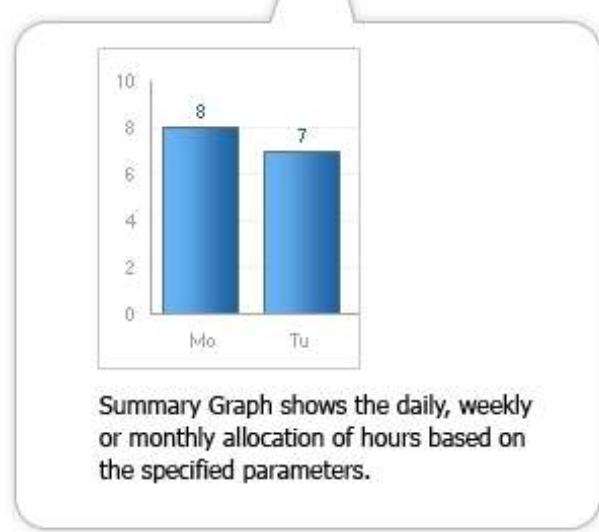
Time sheet for:

Project:

Task:

This week:

Project Manager or any other user with the proper permissions can see, modify or add time entries for other team members.



Screenshots

Report Generator

Report name: **Urgent a**

Current data source: **Tasks (H)**

Data source: **Tasks (I)**

Font: **Default**

Font Size: **Default**

Bold: 

Report Generator allows you to create your own reports if the existing pre-defined reports are not enough. You can design your report based on different datasources (Projects, Tasks, Requests, etc).

Report details

Print-friendly version Save and run / Save / Delete / Cancel

Primary fields

Report name:	<input type="text" value="Urgent and Open Tasks"/>
Current data source:	Tasks (Hierarchical)  
Data source:	Tasks (Hierarchical)  
Font:	Default  
Font Size:	Default  
Bold:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Italic:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Underline:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Info panel

Give a name to the report.

To start adding fields to your report, first choose a data source from the respective drop-down list, and click 'Select' to apply your selection. Think of a data source as a pool of intended data fields. For example, the All Tasks (Hierarchical) data source offers a full assessment of task- and project-related fields and allows producing reports with a hierarchical view of tasks.

Only one data source can be used per report.

In the Report fields below, select a field to add from a drop-down list. If you add a field in error, there is an option to exclude it. To edit a field, click Edit. The editing options include Width, Align, and Filter. The Filter of this screen is used to set a value for a field in the report. The Align option allows to left-align, center or right-align the value in the field. The Filter option is context-sensitive and offers you an opportunity to set a filter whereby you can choose what items from a selected set to include in your report.

Add as many report fields as may be needed, and click Save and run to generate the report.

Report Fields

Name	Width	Align	Filter	Exclude	Edit
Task ID	Not set	Left	None	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Task Status	Not set	Left	Select from all values	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Task Name	Not set	Left	None	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Task Priority	Not set	Left	Select from all values	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Task Description

Name

-  **Task ID**
-  **Task Status**
-  **Task Name**
-  **Task Priority**

You have control over which fields to include into a report, you can select sorting order and change the report appearance.

Filter

None
Select from all values
None
Select from all values

Report Parameters can be specified for every field. For example, you can build a report showing only those projects whose status is set to "Urgent". Once a new report is created, you can save and run it anytime you need.



Pricing, Requirements, Useful Links

Easy Projects .NET licensing and pricing is based on the total number of active user accounts.

With the in-house option, perpetual licenses can be obtained for a one-time fee and Easy Projects .NET is installed on the customer's server.

Alternatively, with the hosted option, payment is made on a pay-as-you-go basis and all accounts are installed on Easy Projects .NET's web-server.

Pricing

In-house: \$149/user or less

Hosted: \$15/user per month or less

System Requirements

In-house: RAM: A minimum of 1 GB (2 GB recommended)

Operating System: Windows 2000 / XP Pro / Windows 2003 / Windows Vista

Web-server: IIS 5.0 or higher

Database: MS SQL Server 2005 or 2005 Express

Other: .NET Framework 2.0, Internet Explorer or Firefox (PC and Mac)

Hosted: Internet Explorer or Firefox Browser (PC and Mac)

System Requirements

Online Trial: <http://www.easyprojects.net/onlinetrial.asp>

5-minute Demo: <http://www.easyprojects.net/Demo>

Video Tutorials: <http://www.easyprojects.net/tutorials.asp>



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About Logic Software / Contact Information

Logic Software Inc. is the leading provider of project management and time tracking applications with headquarters in Toronto, Canada. Our products are used by customers on four different continents in 27 countries around the globe.

Some of the world's most successful companies have relied on Logic Software to complete their projects on time and within budget.

For more information about Logic Software and Easy Projects .NET
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