

Enterprise Project Management

Background

For any organisation which has been looking for a project management software to help in managing and controlling both their programme help is at hand. Microsoft has extended Project Manager software to provide a tool which now really does support the enterprise project office.

Objective

The main objective for any Project Management Office (PMO) application is to provide a central repository for all project based documentation, where project manager and user defined reporting capabilities exist to allow easily access to extract key project data at individual Project, Programme and Board level.

Such an application should be intuitive, secure, web based, and also user configurable to allow for changes within the project management guidelines.

Enterprise Project Management (EPM) Solution

With the delivery of Microsoft Office 2007, Microsoft have improved the Microsoft Office Project applications and components to deliver the Enterprise Project Management (EPM) stack (see Figure 1).

EPM delivers project control at the desktop via Microsoft Office Project Standard or Professional 2007 application which links to collaboration services offered by Office Project Server 2007 and Office Project Portfolio Server 2007. Individual Project information is 'published' to these services where timesheets, risk, issues, documents, tracking, reports can all be accessed by internal and external web users.

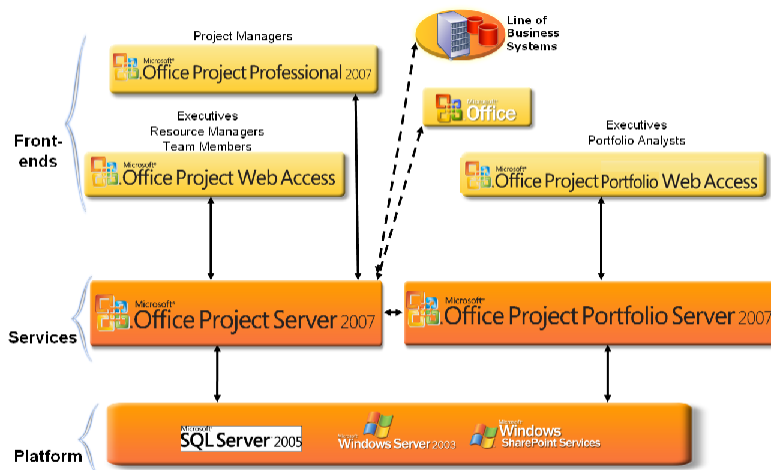


Figure 1 Microsoft Office Enterprise Project Management stack

Custom Solution

The central tenets of any project are collaboration, communication and control. A custom solution can deliver on these tenets by using Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services 2007 (WSS 2007) as the core platform onto which the requirements for the project functionality can be implemented. WSS2007 offers a standard and extensible way of storing and sharing documents, files and lists of information conveniently linking to the Microsoft Office suite.