

challenges

OF STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO PLANNING

- 1 WHAT PROJECTS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND WHY?
- 2 DO WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DELIVER ALL THESE PROJECTS?
- 3 WHAT PROJECTS WON'T GET DONE THIS YEAR AND WHY?
- 4 HOW MUCH MORE OF WHICH RESOURCES DO I ACTUALLY NEED TO COMPLETE A LARGER SET OF REQUIRED PROJECTS?
- 5 WHICH PROJECTS SHOULD BE DONE IN CASE OF SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES?
- 6 WHAT HAPPENS IF WE CHANGE THE DEGREES OF IMPORTANCE FOR SOME STAKEHOLDER?
- 7 WHAT HAPPENS IF WE LOOK AT DIFFERENT CRITERIA OF PLANNING AND THEIR COMBINATION?
- 8 HOW TO REACT TO CHANGED BUDGETS, CAPACITIES OR REGULATIONS?

the solution

ReleasePlanner® is a tool to facilitate planning and prioritization of projects in the presence of resource bottlenecks. Different from other tools, ReleasePlanner® takes into consideration resource capacities as well as key stakeholder opinion allowing decision makers to optimize their project planning by both resource availability and by stakeholder satisfaction. Balancing these two dimensions not only gives decision makers a clear picture of organizational priorities it also gives them the tools with which to communicate back to the organization resource requirements and limitations. Additionally, ReleasePlanner® gives decision makers the tools to develop their own scenarios and perform what-if analysis as a means of developing strategies to overcome organizational limitations.



effective decision making IN STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO PLANNING:

RELEASEPLANNER® PUTS THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE TOGETHER

project parameters

- ▶ RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS BY PROJECT
- ▶ REQUIRED DATES
- ▶ DEPENDENCIES BETWEEN PROJECTS

resource capacities

- ▶ NUMBER OF RESOURCES REQUIRED
- ▶ CAPACITIES AVAILABLE FOR EACH RESOURCE
- ▶ LENGTH OF PLANNING PERIODS

stakeholder opinion

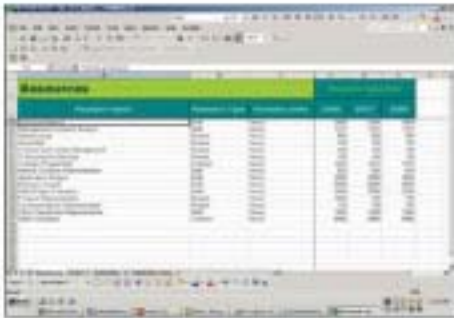
- ▶ URGENCY & VALUE OF PROJECT
- ▶ LOSS OF NOT PERFORMING THE PROJECT
- ▶ RISK OF THE PROJECT
- ▶ STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIZATION OF NEEDS
- ▶ IMPORTANCE OF STAKEHOLDER

project plans and parameters based on:

- ▶ FULL PORTFOLIO OF IT PROJECTS
- ▶ ORGANIZATIONAL NEEDS
- ▶ SPECIFIC ACCESS AND VOTING RIGHTS FOR DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS
- ▶ TIME HORIZON OF PLANNING
- ▶ RESOURCE AVAILABILITY
- ▶ CONSIDERATION OF "SOFT FACTORS"



implementation



Getting started with the ReleasePlanner® is as simple as entering your data into an importable and exportable excel template. This allows project managers and other decision makers to quickly and efficiently begin gathering data on key parameters for import into ReleasePlanner®. In addition, web based architecture allows system access and contributions from remote users and stakeholders.

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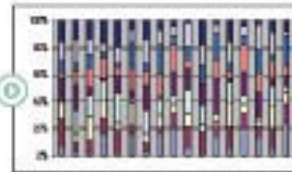
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benefits

UNDERSTANDING STAKEHOLDERS + RESOURCE NEEDS



RESOURCE ANALYSIS

Graphical representation of resource bottlenecks and areas of excess capacities



PROJECT RESOURCE UTILIZATION

Identification of key projects that are driving prioritization decisions and plans



STAKEHOLDER VOTING

Analysis of the effects of stakeholder opinion on determination of priorities

benefits

OPTIMIZATION OF PROJECT PLANNING



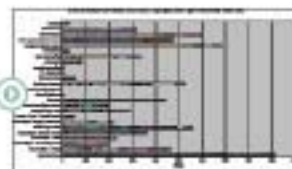
ROAD MAPS AND ALTERNATIVES

Illustration of the optimal plan to maximize resources and stakeholder satisfaction and alternative scenarios for consideration



STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION

Visualization of how satisfied stakeholders will be with the prioritization plan



ADDITIONAL REPORTING

Exportable results allow the user to graphically present any specific project components that require deeper analysis.