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Who is Project for the web for, and what would make it enterprise ready?
(session 2 of 3)

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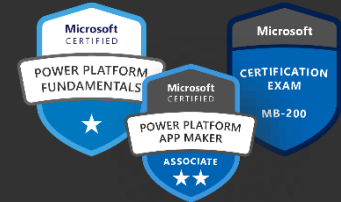
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Agenda

This is part 2 of a 3 part serries regarding Project for the web.

Today will be regarding (for) who (is P4W).

Last week we discussed the what (is P4W).

Next week we will dive deep into extensibility options for Project for the web.
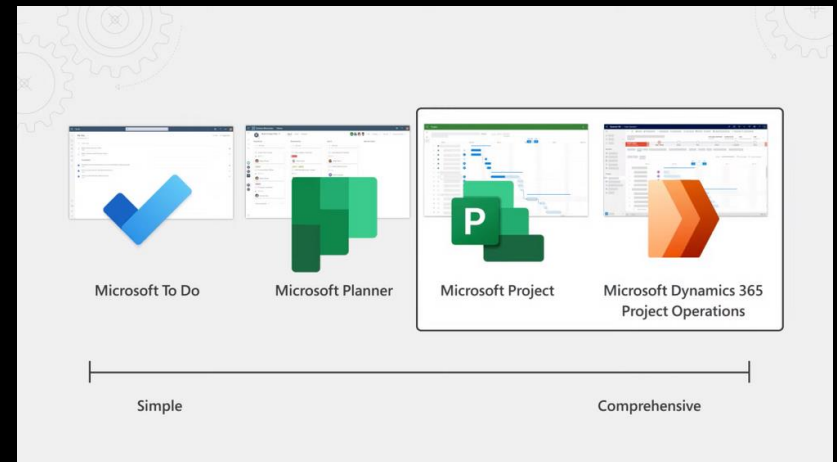
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How does Microsoft position Project for the web (Project, Pftw or P4W)?

What is needed for Project for the web to be considered an enterprise solution?

The Microsoft Project Management landscape

Available tools:

- To Do

- MS Office & Teams

- Planner

- Project for the web

- Project Desktop

- Project Online / Server

- Project Operations

- Third party & LOB

Source:
Microsoft Project and Dynamics 365 Project
Operations | Updates for 2021

What makes Project for the web Enterprise ready?

12 core features.

That I believe are key for an enterprise ready PPM solution.

And I asked you to rate them.

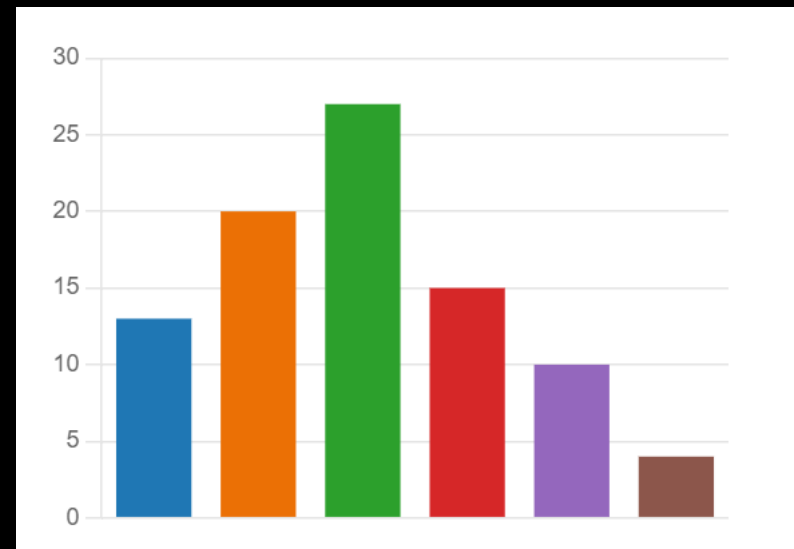What makes Project 4 the web Enterprise ready?

The results

27 people responded to the form.

All have previous experience with MS Project.

Do you have experience working with the following applications?

● Project for the web	13
● Project Online / Project Server	20
● Microsoft Project	27
● Planner	15
● Primavera, Jira or other non Mic...	10
● Other	4

The 12 features ranked (by must haves)

Baselines (15)

Advanced dependencies (15)

Resource pool (14)

Full MS Project import/export (12)

Enterprise Custom Fields (11)
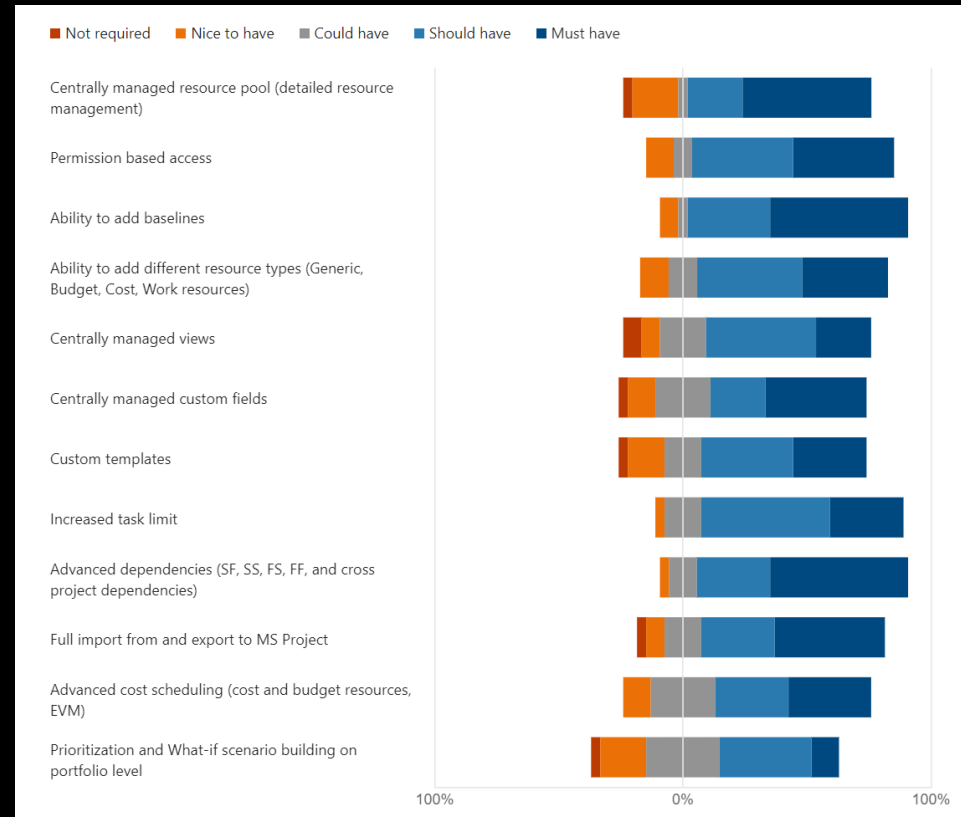
Permissions based access (11)

Resource types (9)

Cost scheduling (9)

Custom Templates (8)

Increased task limit (8)

Enterprise views (6)

Prioritization (3)

Legend: ■ Not required ■ Nice to have ■ Could have ■ Should have ■ Must have

- Centrally managed resource pool (detailed resource management)
- Permission based access
- Ability to add baselines
- Ability to add different resource types (Generic, Budget, Cost, Work resources)
- Centrally managed views
- Centrally managed custom fields
- Custom templates
- Increased task limit
- Advanced dependencies (SF, SS, FS, FF, and cross project dependencies)
- Full import from and export to MS Project
- Advanced cost scheduling (cost and budget resources, EVM)
- Prioritization and What-if scenario building on portfolio level

100%   0%   100%

Additional features needed

- Back up and restore
- Project intake, Program and Portfolio levels
- Master-Sub Project
- Advanced calendar options
- Full API and programmability support

It must not do less than Project Desktop/Project Server did.

As the Spanish say, "Menos es nada."

Let's discuss the results

I'll describe a feature, and I'll welcome 1 to 3 people to let their voice be heard.

(I'll unmute you so to say)

Ground rules

#1: be nice!

#2: stay on topic

#3: keep it short

#1: Baselines

Current situation:

Project for the web doesn't have the concept of a baseline.

The schedule, is the schedule, is the ...

Should there be 11 baselines again?

Should we be able to label them?

Why do you need it?

About baselines

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#1: Advanced Dependencies

Current situation:

P4W allows for Finish-to-Start "in-schedule" links.

There is no Lag concept.

There are 4 types (in MS Project):

S-S,S-F,F-F and F-S.

Do we need hammock dependencies?

What about links between projects?

#2: Resource pool

Current situation:

All Active Directory Users can be selected for a project.

But they need to be "people".

What would you store in the pool?

Would you include the line manager role again?

Which resource types do you miss?

#3: MS Project

Current situation:

"Import project" is possible, but there are limitations.

Download or sync project isn't possible.

Keep in mind, P4W and MS Project share features, but are build completely different.

How would you use this feature?

Is the external vendor the main reason?

Or do your users prefer MS Project over the simpler P4W?

#4: Enterprise custom fields

Current situation:

Custom fields are local to a single project.

Not all types of fields available.

Should everyone be able to create these new fields?

Is consistency the main driver?

Or reporting?

#5: Permissions based access

Current situation:

P3 and P5 licensed users have full access to projects that were shared with them.

E3 and E5 licensed users have limited edit permissions to their assignments.

Which roles do you consider a requirement?

Would you still wish for shared ownership?

The form is still available

Until the end of Feb-2023.

I'd like to gather more information and combine that in a follow-up blog post.

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Thank You!

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