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Pros

The newest version of Easy ☑ Project is ea
and includes mobile tools. This hosted Sa
management product includes unlimited g
remote access and unlimited project supp
space is generous and ranges from 10GB
paid accounts also include five free hours

Cons

Easy Project does not provide 24/7 support
training. Out-of-the-box, this project manag
does not come with a long list of direct inte
however, you can create them using RESTf

The Verdict: 7.58/10

This is an affordable project management solution for
small businesses ☑ and freelancers. Low-priced
monthly accounts can support unlimited projects, and
the software ☑ supports traditional and contemporary
project management methodologies.

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Easy Projects includes the tools for traditional project management using the lingo that professional project managers use, with the added convenience of being completely interactive and online. On the project management side, it can manage projects, risks, requests, issues and budgets. In terms of team collaboration, it includes conferencing, file sharing, discussions and more. It also provides a client portal for keeping clients and other shareholders in the loop.

This project management service primarily focuses on its web-based version, but it also offers a software version that can be installed on-premises. Pricing for the online version is based the number of users. It supports unlimited non-login users, client access and number of projects. The in-house version is just short of $200 per user upfront and then $7 per user per month for support. For most, the online version is the much more affordable option. The company offers volume discounts and lower rates for academic and non-profit groups. However, if you have strict compliance and security considerations, the perpetual in-house version is an option. The company offers discounts for those who purchase more than 20 licenses.

Easy Projects released its newest version, version 9, in March of 2013. It includes some key new additions. The first is the activity center. The activity center has greatly increased ease of use and decreased the time it takes to create projects. It supports in-line edits of projects and activities, drag-and-drop task organization, quick search tools and customization tools. The second, and extremely welcome, addition is mobile apps. Using the mobile apps, mobile works can monitor changes, view assignments, add time entries, review time logs and add new tasks. The mobile version is compatible with iOS, Blackberry and Android platforms. In an incremental release, the company also added the ability to allow users to log in with their email credentials – one less password to remember. Easy Project can also now manage file versions, which is a long-awaited feature.

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Project Management Tools: **7.5/10**

Easy Projects includes the standard tools project managers would expect to find, such as interactive Gantt charts, critical path tools, task management, the ability to manage multiple-level dependences, and a customizable report generator. The interactive Gantt chart features drag-and-drop functionality, in-line editing, clickable items and change alerts. Through the Gantt chart, project managers can directly assign tasks, change durations and alter task names. You can access projects and project statuses through a fully customizable dashboard.

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This PM tool has a module that few include, which is the custom forms module. This can create custom forms that can easily be accessed by team members, customers and even website visitors. Forms can be used for submitting change requests, to submit sales leads, for team members to apply for time off and for customer feedback forms. This tool can create any type of custom form using custom fields. You can embed these forms into your website, and completed change request forms can automatically convert to projects.

Beyond managing projects, tasks and resources, project managers are usually required to provide some level of accountability to interested parties, whether they are in accounting or are clients or higher-ups. To help provide transparency and quantifiable data, Easy Projects provides customizable reports that can be shared with shareholders. Reports can be configured to relate project statuses, budgets, billable hours, resource loads and more.

Resource Management: **8.8/10**

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Easy Projects can manage resource allocation, timesheets and physical assets. Although it does not have highly sophisticated resource sort tools, it can easily help you discover who has time available to work on projects, and it can show you daily, weekly and monthly resource-distribution reports. For project planning, resources can be assigned by role and filled later with an actual resource.

Time log entries can be submitted online from anywhere. Time logs record time as well as which project or activity the time is assigned to. Team members can also track whether the time is billable or not, and they can add descriptions or notes if needed. User accounts also include access to a built-in stop watch so that employees can record time spent on the project while they are working. Unfortunately, Easy Projects does not have an expense-entry form for team members. Expenses have to be entered via the project details page. However, this only ties the expense to a project, not to the team member. If your team members need to track travel expenses and such, you will have to find a different way to track that information.

Resource or user information automatically stored with Easy Projects includes name, team, role, email address, hourly rate and image. However, you can add custom fields to record skills, experience, education, location, time zone or other data that you want to save with a user's account information. Customer accounts include preset fields for more information such as addresses, multiple phone numbers and descriptions. As with all forms in Easy Project, you can add custom fields.

Collaboration: **7.5/10**

In the past, PM tools were mostly for the project manager – tools to track projects to increase production, reduce costs and provide accountability to interested parties. They did not do much for team members beyond requiring them to record their statuses and such. Now project management tools include options to help team members increase

their production and communication without having to rely on patchwork solutions such as Excel, email, SharePoint and online file-sharing sites. Easy Projects has everything a team needs to communicate via one interface. In addition, the project manager can see anything added by a team member, so they don't have to waste time entering information into multiple applications.

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The same collaboration tools are available for clients and team members (depending on permission levels). Easy Projects not only supports the sharing of files, but it can also be set up to track reviews and approvals. Team members, clients and managers can add notes to files. They can also share screen images, videos, web links, images and media libraries. Clients can also submit issues and requests.

Easy Project provides web conferencing via a direct integration with Vyew, which supports up to ten participants free of charge. Vyew can support white boards, VoIP, chat, screen sharing and more. It does not require client-side installation, and it is cross-platform compatible. Using this tool, team members and clients can share audio, image, PowerPoint, document and flash files without having to worry about what kinds of systems the other members use.

Ease of Use: 7.5/10

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Nowadays, people expect to be able to figure out an online service almost immediately. They intuitively know where to click and what to look for, and they expect it to do certain things. In addition, for the most part, they do not want to have to dig through help files to figure out how to do something. For a PM solution to be successful, it has to be used. Although Easy Projects is relatively simple to use, we did have to consult the help files to figure out how to use a few features. For example, we expected to see expense tracking tied in with time tracking; however, it is on the project details page and has to be entered by the project manager. In addition, when we went to add a user, Easy Projects displays a custom field section, but it is not immediately apparent how to add custom fields. To help your team learn how to use Easy Projects, we suggest that you have them look through the video tutorials and online help files.

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Integration & Professional Services: 6.3/10

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This project management system imports and exports data from MS Project and Excel. It is also includes an add-on for Microsoft Outlook. RESTful APIs are provided to create custom integrations. If you do not have the resources, Easy Projects can create custom integrations for you. To help you get started, the company provides free online classes. Telephone and email support is provided from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time. Even if you do not sign up with Easy Projects, we recommend that you sign up for the company's helpful newsletter and peruse its informative blog posts.

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Summary:

This affordable project management service provides powerful tools for project managers, flexible collaboration tools and an essential client portal. It can manage most project demands and small- to medium-sized teams. However, if you need to manage a large, global resource pool, traveling team members or complex financial data, you may want to consider an enterprise-focused solution.

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