Deltek People Planner

Project Planning
Employee Scheduling
Resource Planning

Helping project-oriented organizations optimize resource planning
Capacity planning is important in good times, but it’s absolutely critical in challenging times.  

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In today’s highly competitive environment, the need for efficient resource management becomes even more evident. In this situation, it is important that you gear your business to match the current market situation. As people are the number one profitability driver in any project-oriented organization, resource management becomes an operational as well as strategic parameter.

You are probably facing some of the following challenges:

Your employees seem to be busy but utilization rates are still at an unsatisfactory, low level

Some employees are always overloaded while others are on the bench

Projects are based on guesstimates because there is no alignment between estimation, execution and the current resource situation

Too often you are over-servicing clients because you have no overview of planned baseline against actuals

You are not effectively utilizing your talent pool because you have no repository to store the skill sets of people across your organization

You can’t match your long-term project pipeline against your planned capacity to effectively support your strategic and tactical recruiting, subcontracting and organizational development

Resource management and capacity planning is based on local spreadsheets because you don’t have a corporate solution to manage your most important asset – your people
...solved!

Now imagine an integrated solution for resource management and project planning. Here, a few clients tell in their own words how Deltek People Planner helped them optimize their resources.

“Deltek People Planner has helped us increase our average billing percentage per employee, which has a direct impact on our bottom line.”

Jens Erik Knudsen, Chief Project Officer, CDM A/S

“We have optimized the allocation of our core competences so we use them on the right projects. Of course this will have a positive effect on the bottom line.”

Carl Vad Jensen, CFO, Atkins Denmark

“The overall idea and scope of the Deltek People Planner solution is great – it’s a tool of genius.”

Knut Brotnow, IT Manager, The Norwegian Opera

“In the perfect world, resource management should be an integrated part of project management, and Deltek People Planner has given us that opportunity.”

Henrik Kaltoft, Head of Department, Atkins Denmark

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Spot under-utilization or over-utilization in time to act

“Tighter planning and control can help increase our resource utilization by several percent over a period of six months, and that will help us offset the effects of business contractions.”

Jon Mostyn, Worldwide Business Consulting Director, Hill & Knowlton

Increasing Utilization Rates
Imagine knowing who is doing what at any given time. What if your department and project managers could monitor the load and availability of people when planning projects and allocating resources?

If you have a clear picture of your resource situation, then you can reduce the risk of lost profits caused by under-utilizing resources that could have been assigned to profitable activities.

People Planner provides a real-time overview of resource availability. The resource overview is fully integrated with your project plans. You can monitor availability, load, utilization, and revenue of all employees, and easily assign people to projects and opportunities.

Getting Your Estimates Right
Imagine that projects are no longer based on guesstimates. What if you could base your resource requests directly on project plans and estimates?

If you can measure progress and estimate to complete directly against the baseline, then your resource needs could be updated accordingly, overruns be tracked and your project profitability would improve.

In People Planner, you can make project plans and estimate the cost and revenue of opportunities as well as real projects. You can set the baseline and measure progress with actuals against the baseline at any time.
Leverage your talents

Moving from Operational to Strategic Planning

Imagine having clear insight into long-term capacity plans. What if you have exact revenue forecasts based on your resource allocations?

If potential orders are directly included in your revenue and resource forecast, then you can plan ahead.

When you have a long-term overview of the capacity situation, then you can work smoothly between operational, tactical and strategic planning horizons and view revenue forecasts based on the plans. That is what People Planner is all about.

Securing Visibility Across your Organization

Imagine having a visual, intuitive and transparent resource overview across your organization. What if your resource pool and project portfolio could be accessed by senior, department and project managers as well as employees in real-time?

When you have one integrated solution that supports everybody in your organization in their project planning and resource-related work, then you can increase profitability.

People Planner enables you to abandon local spreadsheets or local stand-alone solutions in favor of a corporate solution for project planning.

“Our project managers spend significantly less time fighting over the same resources. In the perfect world resource management should be an integrated part of project management, and Deltek People Planner has given us that opportunity.”

Henrik Kaltoft, Head of Department Atkins Denmark

The solution gives you corporate overviews of resource situations using graphical reporting tools similar to Microsoft® Excel.
Increase and improve visibility when planning your resources

**Increase Utilization**
- Increase profitability by reducing idle time and spotting holes in calendars
- Maximize order intake according to capacity
- Reduce overruns by planning projects and keeping progress against the set baseline
- Avoid understaffing through reliable long and short-term capacity information
- Utilize resources across your organization as you use one corporate solution

**Plan at Any Level**
- Plan at project level or create detailed plans with full Work Breakdown Structure
- Plan individual projects on monthly, weekly or daily basis
- Planning at any level automatically consolidates to high-level overview
- Enterprise-wide view of employee skills, allocations, capacity and expected load

**Simplify Planning**
- Drag and drop bars to change allocations and scheduling
- Familiar concepts such as Gantt chart and grid structure
- Single-click switch between long term, weekly, and daily planning
- Single-click switch between viewing Gantt, workload and capacity information
- Dynamic grouping to view plans by e.g. project, resource type, department, etc.

**Adapt Easily**
- Easy configuration to match your company’s planning methods – no customization necessary
- One pre-configured view per role provides full overview and single-click access to time and capacity information
- Users can fit views, layouts and toolbars to their personal needs using drag and drop

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Project Managers have full project planning functionality and views to support project control.
Efficient internal processes to ensure that you don’t waste time, money or talent

**Resource Manager or Resource Planner**
- View skills, capacity and expected workload of your employees
- Plan your resources while viewing availability
- Detect future needs for specific skills and bring in the right resources at the right time
- Avoid capacity shortages and over-bookings
- View capacity and workload on daily, weekly or long term basis
- Single, pre-configured overview matching your needs
- Use schedule, similar to Microsoft® Outlook for planning

**Project Manager**
- Plan projects graphically with drag and drop planning bars
- Make estimates and set the baseline for the project economy
- Use multilevel Work Breakdown Structure to divide large projects into phases
- View availability while assigning resources
- Reduce risk of overrun – full transparency of progress vs. plan
- Combine easy planning with advanced project financial management

**Senior Management**
- View revenue forecast based on all project and resource bookings
- Enterprise-wide view of resource capacity and workload
- Monitor profitability and utilization by company, department, etc.
- Drag and drop columns to analyze figures

**Frontline Resources**
- View assignments for projects in a browser
- View your own “My Plan” in People Planner
- Search for projects and tasks and assign yourself to them
- View or plan via Microsoft® Outlook

The scheduling interface gives you graphical overviews and enables you to use drag and drop for moving assignments as well as one-click booking options.
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