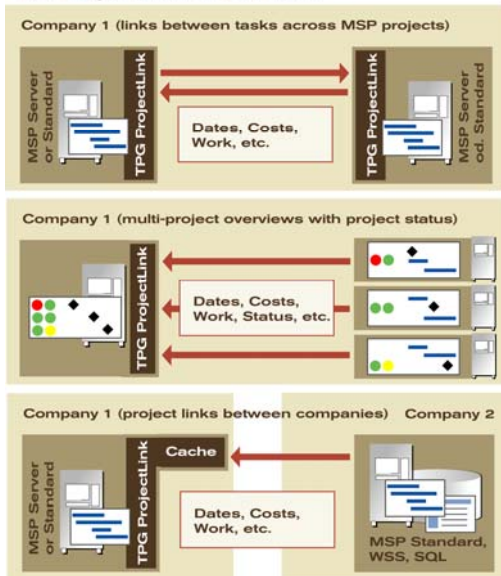


TPG ProjectLink 2007

Easily Connecting Tasks and Information in Multi-Project Management

Efficient collaboration across projects is a key success factor in multi-project management. To achieve this, you need to be able to transparently share information about schedules, work and costs between

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projects. TPG ProjectLink provides this crucial transparency – even between different companies.

Project managers use TPG ProjectLink to link external tasks to their own planning. They can mirror the bar charts in their own schedule, enabling them to see at a glance which external tasks have changed and how. They can also easily view other details about every linked task, which is important for multi-project overviews. In addition, project status information can be displayed in traffic light form to the steering committee, giving its members important pointers about the state of the project. They can also easily view details of costs, work, etc.

The Benefits:

- Transparency of links between tasks across projects
- At-a-glance, multi-project overviews of the project portfolio's current status
- Simple creation of project links between different companies
- Clear, graphical comparison of a project manager's own tasks with external ones
- Time savings due to information about changes in relevant external projects
- Better performance with easy links to external projects without having to open each one

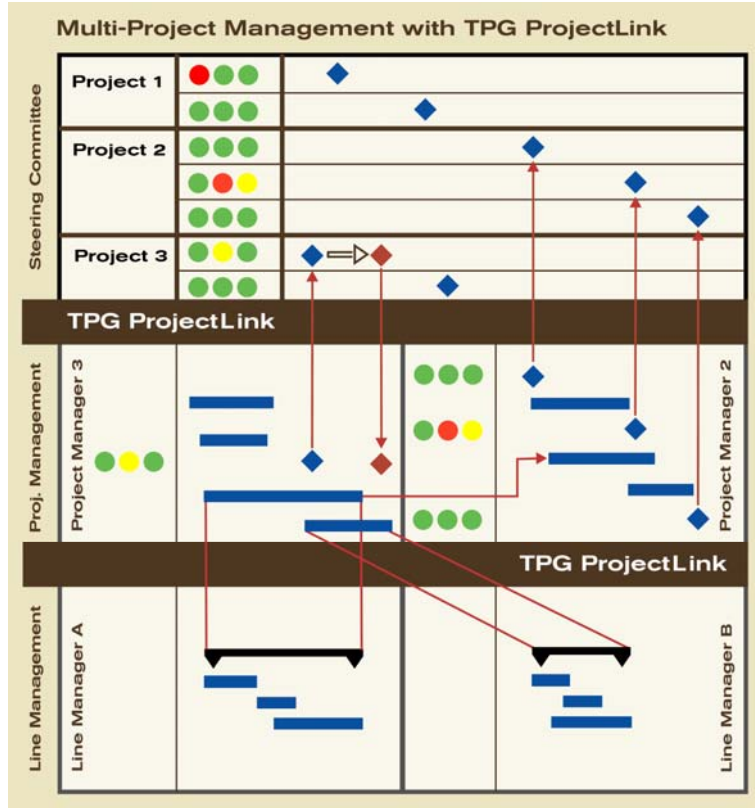
Features At-a-Glance:

- Choice of data sources including Microsoft Project Server sites, Windows SharePoint Services (WSS) lists and SQL databases
- Configurable field mapping to suit a wide range of use cases
- Easy set-up of links between tasks with the innovative Task Picker (access rights are managed by the Microsoft Project Server permissions system)
- Mirroring of external tasks into the project manager's own project
- Linked information can be viewed on field level
- Preview function and update of linked information on demand

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Compatibility:

Microsoft Project Server 2003
 Microsoft Project Server 2007



Key use cases for project linking using TPG ProjectLink

- 1) **Multi-project overviews with status display:** You can select and combine relevant milestones from individual projects into a multi-project overview – useful for the steering committee. Alongside the time-related information, you can add information about the status of a particular project (e.g. with traffic light display). A function for automatically linking back to the source allows you to add the steering committee's input to the individual projects.
- 2) **Program management:** You can easily mirror requirements for milestones and tasks from the main projects in the Microsoft Project plans of sub-projects.
- 3) **Connections with individual projects:** As a project manager, you can use the innovative TPG Task Picker to select – in accordance with your permissions – which tasks from other projects you want to display in your own schedule. You also have a choice of types of connections. In addition, you can decide whether to allow your schedule to be changed externally or to only view the data. These links can also be set up between projects involving different companies.
- 4) **Coordination in matrix organizations between project and line staff:** As a project manager, you can use Microsoft Project to prepare the time-related requirements you need from line managers. They then carry out their detailed planning in Microsoft Project. The summary task made up of the line managers' responses is displayed in your Gantt chart. This enables you to coordinate with the line manager in case any discrepancies arise. Alongside time-related information, other field content such as work, costs, notes etc. can be transferred in both directions.
- 5) **Ad-hoc queries on the task level:** As a project manager you can run any queries you choose, e.g. display all tasks from all your projects within a specific timeframe.

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