

Press Release

TPG Launches TPG ProjectProperties for Easier Administration of Microsoft Project Master Data

Clear, convenient data management saves project managers' time

Munich, Germany. 21 April 2009 – TPG The Project Group, a full-service provider of enterprise-wide project management, today announced the launch of TPG ProjectProperties, its newest product for Microsoft Project. It makes project managers' jobs easier by bringing more clarity and convenience to the management of key master data. As standard, the "Project Information" dialog in Microsoft Project only displays this information as a static alphabetical list. TPG ProjectProperties expands on this list by collating and structuring all important project information in a single dialog box, making it much easier to work with. It is the first product of its kind on the market.

As master data provides a wide range of important project information, project managers need to be able to access it all in one centralized area. In Microsoft Project, however, this information is not very easy to work with as it is only provided as an alphabetical list that project managers cannot structure according to their requirements. In addition, the fields cannot be write-protected; and if the dialog box is open, users cannot continue to work on their project plan.

TPG ProjectProperties changes this by consolidating important project information in one dialog box, where project managers can work with master data as well as with the Project Summary Task. They can use a highly configurable register function to organize the information layout and structure it thematically. Also, selection lists are provided to facilitate entering field information. Each field comprises a description of the information it contains and tips for how to fill it out based on its content type. This gives project managers additional options, such as showing an employee's name along with his or her personnel number, and the source of this data if an external database is being used. All mandatory and write-protected fields are highlighted in color for more clarity. Users can open dialogs from several projects simultaneously, enabling them to compare project information more easily. TPG ProjectProperties also lets users continue working on their project plan while the dialog box is open.

TPG ProjectProperties can be seamlessly integrated into Microsoft Project Standard or Professional in versions 2003 or 2007. Different configurations are available for how users display and work with project master data, depending on their role. Also, data can be copied between projects via simple import and export functions. TPG ProjectProperties lets users work with content online or offline. Pricing details for the new product are available on request.

Further information is available at:

http://www.theprojectgroup.com/E/produkte/produkte_projectproperties_e.html

Project Information for 'CISA95 - Test PSLink ControllingArea'

Start date: Wed 14.01.09 Current date: Tue 24.03.09

Finish date: Wed 14.01.09 Status date: NA

Schedule from: Project Start Date Calendar: Standard

All tasks begin as soon as possible. Priority: 500

Enterprise Custom Fields

Custom Field Name	Value
00000911	
Project Number	CISA95
Project short description	
Project Status	
Project Type	
ProposalContainsActuals	0
Quality Manager	
ReferenceAllowed	No
Related Projects	

Buttons: Help, Statistics..., OK, Cancel

Screenshot 1. In Microsoft Project, the standard "Project information" dialog is only available as an alphabetical list. It is unstructured and not very easy to use. Fields are not marked to show that they can be edited. Also, the fields do not include content descriptions or tips for how to fill them out.

TPG Properties (CISA95 - PSLink ControllingArea)

In this dialog, you can set various properties of your current project.
Legend: Gray = Read Only Field, Yellow = Required input field.

Commercial Info System Info Decision Matrix Product Attributes Required Fields Internal Organisation

Finance Reporting Project Info Team Customer / Prime Contact Project Categorisation

Property	Value	Value Desc	Description
Internal Project Sponsor	00000007	Csharp Yvonne	(Origin: SAP)
Project Manager FRQ	00002773	Strasser Max	(Origin: SAP)
Project Controller	00002356	Margit Huber	(Origin: SAP)
Deputy Project Manager	00000337	Sven Dallmeyer	(Origin: PM)
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Legal and Contract	00002323	Meike Baumann	(Origin: PM)
Offer Manager			(Origin: PM)
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Buttons: OK, Cancel, Apply

Screenshot 2. In the TPG ProjectProperties dialog box, users have a clear overview of key project master data and can configure the register according to their requirements. Each field includes a description (called Value Description) and tips for filling it out (called Description) that show its content type. The selection lists are filterable to make data entry easier.

About TPG The Project Group

TPG The Project Group GmbH, based in Munich, Germany, is an international full service provider for enterprise-wide project management. The company is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner whose services include consulting, implementation, hosting, products and training on project management and Microsoft Project. TPG's comprehensive and leading product portfolio is built on the significant implementation experience the company has acquired since it was founded in 1998. TPG PSLink® is the world's leading product for integrating Microsoft EPM with SAP. TPG's range of products and services is complemented by public seminars on Microsoft Project for users and administrators and on PMI methodology (Project Management Institute). TPG increases the maturity level of its customers' project management, making a significant contribution to their business success. It sells its products and services via its subsidiaries in the USA and UK, as well as through an international network of authorized partners. TPG's customers are large and mid-sized companies in all industries, including AOL, Audi, Bosch, British Aerospace, EON, GE, Infineon, Irish Rail, Miele, SAP, and Siemens.

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