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Enterprise Project & Portfolio Management



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Company Overview

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Managing major change is one of the most taxing issues currently challenging the boardroom. The ability to effectively select and deliver the projects and programmes that will drive an organization's success is rapidly becoming a critical business competency, as is the requirement to provide solutions that give visibility and control over these changes.

Established in 2005, Program Framework draws on its directors' many years of corporate experience in managing complex business changes combined with the latest industry leading technology to offer organizations the enterprise level solutions needed to manage complex changes with multiple projects, stakeholders and resources in a 'joined up', accessible way.

Program Framework's consultants are now leaders in the use and implementation of the Microsoft EPM (Enterprise Project Management) solution and the organization is a key Microsoft certified Partner. The company has developed a Rapid Implementation Methodology for Microsoft's EPM Solution and has an unmatched understanding of how to deploy this product in a pragmatic, business focussed, rapid way.

Program Framework's EPM solutions are not based solely on technology. They focus on defining and integrating business processes with the people undertaking these processes to ensure a consistent understanding, approach and application of the solution. The company works not only with major corporations, but also with medium sized enterprises that need to establish competitive advantage but often miss the benefits of implementing effective change management.



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Methodology

Enterprise Project and Portfolio Management is not just a software solution or product. It is an approach to integrate people, processes and organization utilizing the latest technology. The businesses that have deployed EPM most successfully have one thing in common: they take a pragmatic, structured approach based on the organization's project management maturity level and ability to change.

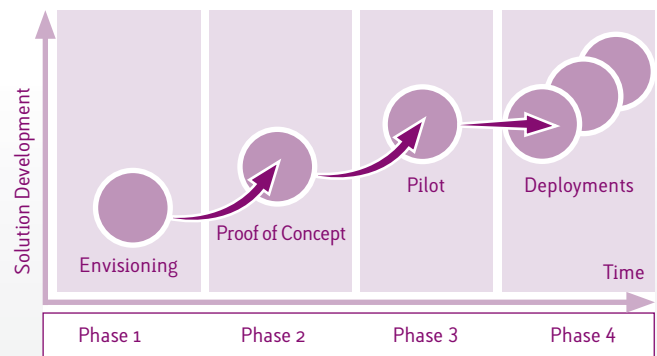
EPM solutions allow businesses to deliver their key strategic objectives by enabling a 'joined-up' approach to project management, aligning people, processes and technology around common goals. This allows organizations visibility into their work portfolio, providing the information they require to make well-informed decisions, optimize resources and establish repeatable processes.

The rationale for implementing an EPM solution in an organization has to be considered to assess the risks, business benefits and return on investment that can be achieved. This involves an overview of current methods, standards and processes which are utilized to deliver projects and programmes, and the mapping of a step-by-step approach to develop the maturity of a business to function within an EPM environment.

Potential benefits include

- Project governance
- Cost savings
- Business improvement
- Management of resources
- Control over projects
- Risk avoidance
- Delivery of strategic objectives

Program Framework has developed a pragmatic, proven approach to successfully deploying enterprise project and portfolio management solutions in organizations, both large and small. This approach is based on breaking the deployment down into a series of manageable steps as shown below.



Enterprise Project Management for your Business



Project Server Framework

Sometimes organizations need to gain visibility and control of their projects and programmes quickly and with minimum effort. With this challenge in mind, Program Framework has developed Project Server Framework™.

Project Server Framework™ is a packaged Enterprise Project Management (EPM) solution that is carefully designed to address the typical challenges organizations face in managing their projects in a 'joined-up' way.

This pre-configured solution, based on the Microsoft Office® Project Server 2007 system, uses generic project management processes and best practices to rapidly provide organizations with a way to manage and control current and forthcoming projects. The solution is supplied as a complete package including all required installation, implementation, training and support services at a fixed, affordable price.

Project Server Framework™ allows an organization to improve both the efficiency and reduce the cost of project delivery without making significant 'up front' investments in solution design, specification and development.

This solution leverages Program Framework's extensive experience in implementing change control solutions and places an organization on a FAST START route to increased project and programme performance.

Hosting (SaaS)

In addition to deployment in a client's own infrastructure using existing licensing arrangements, Program Framework is also able to offer Project Server Framework™ as a fully hosted application using the SaaS (Software as a Service) licensing model. This model reflects a growing trend for software service delivery. The many benefits include reducing operational and capital expenses by providing a 'pay for what you use' model, improving access to the latest business applications and eliminating the security risks inherent in collaboration between third parties. Emphasis can then be focussed on innovation through people, processes and technology rather than costly infrastructure.

The following significant benefits can be realised

- Deployment within days
- Easy access anywhere, at any time
- High availability and security
- Independence from existing infrastructure
- A 'pay per use' licensing model





Services offered by Program Framework

Consulting

Program Framework is a consultancy that specializes only in Enterprise Project and Portfolio Management. Our team of consultants are leaders in the use and implementation of the Microsoft EPM solution. As a trusted Microsoft EPM partner, we can deliver a complete solution including supporting people, developing business processes and deploying technology. Program Framework consultants can help you choose the correct business initiatives to make and support a successful EPM implementation, every time.

Customization

Occasionally the clients require specific functionality from EPM solutions that is not configurable using standard tools. In this situation Program Framework, together with its trusted partners, can provide specific customization in areas such as dashboards, ERP systems integration, SharePoint® and financial reporting.

Hosting

The ability to deliver specialized 'on demand' applications, such as the Microsoft EPM solution, to any device over any network, anywhere, is provided by Program Framework's Application Hosting Infrastructure. The development of security and implementation best practice in the Hosted Infrastructure has evolved to a highly mature state. Emphasis can be focussed on innovation through people, processes and technology rather than costly infrastructure. A high level of service quality is maintained and each customer benefits from the knowledge of IT and security specialists.

Configuration

Key to a successful EPM solution deployment is the ability to configure the underlying technology to reflect the approved business processes and provide the visibility and control the organization requires. Program Framework's consultants bring many years' experience in taking the foundation software provided by Microsoft and configuring it to provide this.

Implementation

Our experts have designed Program Framework's own EPM implementation method ProFIM to establish a defined, structured and repeatable EPM project implementation process. ProFIM is based on Microsoft's MSF (Microsoft Solution Framework) with the objective of combining the implementation of technology with careful management of the organizational impact in terms of people and processes. We have an unmatched understanding of how to deploy the Microsoft EPM solution in a pragmatic, business focussed, rapid way.

Training

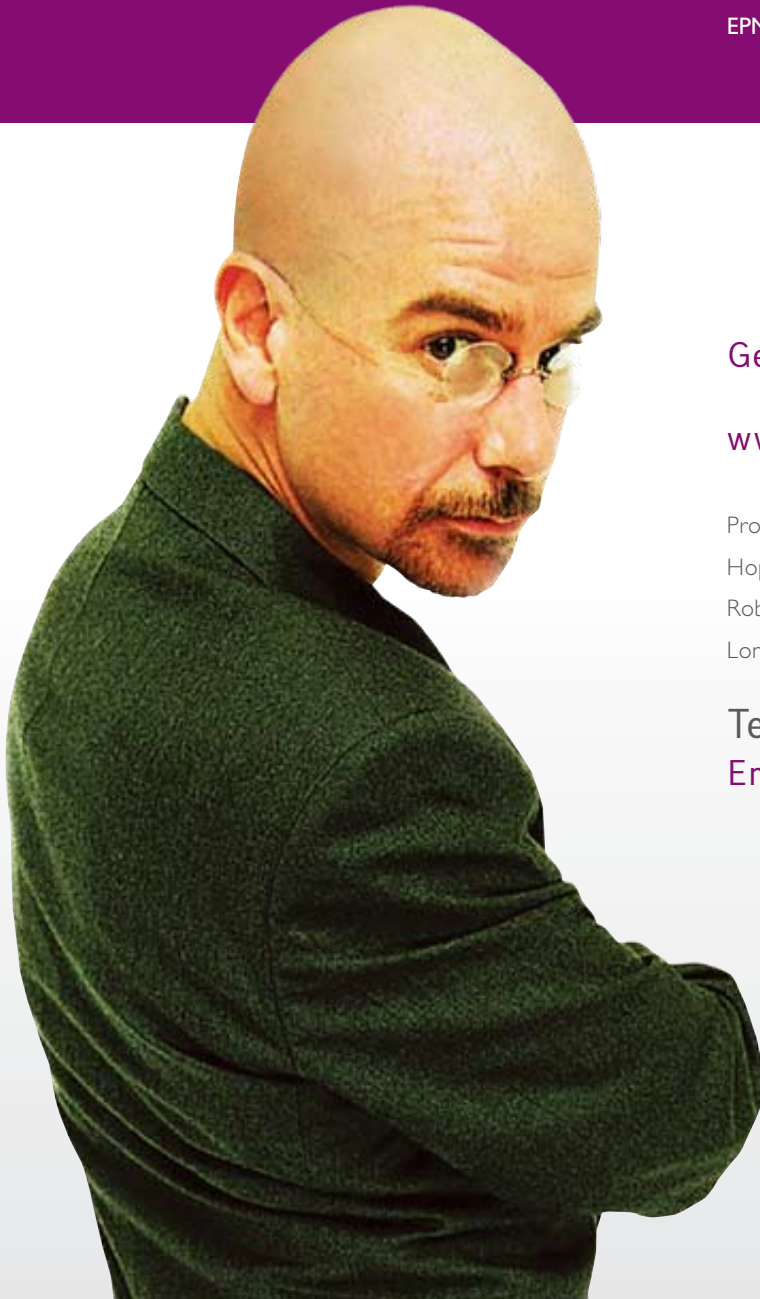
Program Framework has an expert training staff who can provide intensive, on-site training for the Microsoft Enterprise Project Management (EPM) Solution, including Microsoft Project 2003 and 2007. The courses have been developed to meet the needs of all potential users of the Microsoft EPM Solution, from project team members to senior executives. Training and best practice is an essential part of delivering a successful implementation to any organization adopting an EPM solution.

About the Company

Program Framework is a consultancy dedicated solely to deploying and supporting Enterprise Project and Portfolio Management Solutions. This specific focus allows us to add value by bringing a unique blend of business and technology skills; ensuring that our clients can realize real business benefits from an EPM solution in an accelerated time frame.

As a Microsoft certified partner we work with the full range of Microsoft EPM products. We understand the need for a holistic approach addressing the people, process and training issues as well as the technology implementation. We work with organizations of all sizes across a range of industries including oil and gas, manufacturing and financial services.

Contact us and benefit from some impartial advice on how an EPM solution can help you achieve your goals.



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