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25 Project Management Systems Shopper's Price-Feature Comparisons

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Project management software shoppers encounter great evaluation problems. Over a hundred PM software are available; each focused on a specific system of feature sets. To save time without sacrificing due diligence, corporate shoppers will work based on an efficient assessment model.

A reasonable selection strategy is to first choose based on an affordable price range. Next, published feature sets are compared on an apples-to-apples basis. Finally, a select few are tested in the actual business environment. This is to thresh out change management operational issues like ease of use, user training and learning curves, incidental costs, and most importantly, testing for the right fit. Software developers, construction companies, research scientists, design engineers, academics, market researchers, consultants, or even retailers all have different needs and requirements.

This comparison starts with a table of price ranges. Next, it compares the systems of feature sets through several tables. Finally, it gives an overview on each project management software with links to their own websites. Those with free downloads and demos without limits on time, usage and features are presented first while those offering free trial with limits or ads are presented last. The logic here is that using the system first without spending a dime presents a better opportunity for a thorough evaluation.

Name	System Type	Free Plan	Minimum Price	Mid Price Range	Maximum Price
2-plan Team	Specialized	Yes	Free	Yes	Customized
aaa	General	Yes	Free	Not applicable	Donations
Trac Project	Specialized	Yes	Free	Free	Free
Vyew	Specialized	Yes	$6.95 per month	No	$13.95 per month
Simply Invoices	Specialized	Yes	$9 per month	Yes	$25 per month
Less Accounting	Specialized	Yes	One pricing offer	One pricing offer	$30 per month
Jumpchart	Specialized	Yes	$5 per month	$25 per month	$50 per month
fourteenDayz	Specialized	Yes	$5 per month	Yes	$99 per month
No Kahuna	Specialized	Yes	$7 per month	Yes	$99 per month
16Bugs	Specialized	Yes	$8 per month	Yes	$99 per month
Zoho	Mixed	Yes	$20 per month	$35 per month	$80 per month
AceProject	Mixed	Yes	$24 per month	Yes	$99 per month
Lighthouse	Mixed	Yes	$10 per month	Yes	$100 per month
Springloops	Specialized	Yes	$15 per month	Yes	$200 per month
activeCollab	Mixed	Yes	$249 per month	No	$499 per month
PBWorks	Specialized	Yes	$4 monthly per user	Yes	$8 monthly per user
CreativePro Office	Mixed	No	$5 per month	$15 per month	$30 per month
LiquidPlanner	Mixed	No	$24 per month	Customized	Customized
Basecamp	Mixed	No	$49 per month	$99 per month	$149 per month
bbb	General	No	$57 per license plus server	Yes	$98 per license plus server
JIRA	Mixed	No	$10 per month	Yes	$1,000 per month
LiveTimer	Specialized	No	One pricing offer	One pricing offer	$5 monthly per user
Clarizen	Mixed	No	$10.95 monthly per user	Yes	$49.95 monthly per user
Aconex	Specialized	No	Customized	Customized	Customized
Celoxis	General	No	$14.95 monthly per user	Yes	$29,995 per server instance

Project Management Systems. To demonstrate the great variety of project management systems, this selection of 25 PM software are based on their different approaches to desktop or online usage and project management. Desktop will mean standalone project manager systems that are focused on individual planning rather than monitoring and execution.

Online can mean software as a service, a client-server or network server, and use of the world wide web in other ways than the usual to implement projects with the participation of many people. Project management systems can mean several approaches to managing people and projects across several industries.

- System Types. General systems adopt a one-size fits all strategy across all industries.

- Free Plan versus Free Trial versus Demos versus Sales Presentations.

- Pricing Schemes and Ranges.

- Project Management System Approach (Desktop Project Manager Systems, Collaboration/ Team Management/ Groupware)

Collaboration/ Team Management Systems	Type	Free Plan	Minimum Price	Mid Price Range	Maximum Price
Jumpchart	Specialized	Yes	$5 per month	$25 per month	$50 per month
No Kahuna	Mixed	Yes	$7 per month	Yes	$99 per month
Lighthouse	Mixed	Yes	$10 per month	Yes	$100 per month
Springloops	Specialized	Yes	$15 per month	Yes	$200 per month
activeCollab	Mixed	Yes	$249 per month	No	$499 per month
CreativePro Office	Mixed	No	$5 per month	$15 per month	$30 per month
Basecamp	Mixed	No	$49 per month	$99 per month	$149 per month
AceProject	Mixed	Yes	$24 per month	Yes	$99 per month

Feature	Jumpchart	No Kahuna	Lighthouse	Springloops	activeCollab	CreativePro Office	Basecamp
Team management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Goal management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Task management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
File sharing	No	Not clear	Not clear	No	Yes	Not clear	Yes
Discussion forum/ Message board	No	Not clear	Not clear	No	Yes	Not clear	Yes
Group email/ Group notification	No	Not clear	Yes	No	Not clear	Not clear	Not clear

Issue, Bug, and/or Ticket Tracking Systems	Type	Free Plan	Minimum Price	Mid Price Range	Maximum Price
Trac Project	Specialized	Yes			
16Bugs	Mixed	Yes	$8 per month	Yes	$99 per month
No Kahuna	Mixed	Yes	$7 per month	Yes	$99 per month
Lighthouse	Mixed	Yes	$10 per month	Yes	$100 per month
activeCollab	Mixed	Yes	$249 per month	No	$499 per month
JIRA	Mixed	No	$10 per month	Yes	$1,000 per month

Issue, Bug, and/or Ticket Tracking Features	Trac Project	16Bugs	No Kahuna	Lighthouse	activeCollab	JIRA
Issue tracking	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Bug tracking	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Ticket tracking	Yes	Yes	Not clear	No	Yes	Yes
Workflow mapping	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Road map/ Status (current, open, closed)	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Issue organization	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

Time Tracking Systems	Type	Free Plan	Minimum Price	Mid Price Range	Maximum Price
fourteenDayz	Specialized	Yes	$5 per month	Yes	$99 per month
activeCollab	Mixed	Yes	$249 per month	No	$499 per month
CreativePro Office	Mixed	No	$5 per month	$15 per month	$30 per month
Basecamp	Mixed	No	$49 per month	$99 per month	$149 per month
LiveTimer	Specialized	No	One pricing offer	One pricing offer	$5 monthly per user
AceProject	Mixed	Yes	$24 per month	Yes	$99 per month

Time Tracking Features	fourteenDayz	activeCollab	CreativePro Office	Basecamp	LiveTimer
Time sheets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Time tracking	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Time charts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scheduling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calendar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
iPhone/ Smartphone integration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Collaboration - Conferencing Systems	Type	Free Plan	Minimum Price	Mid Price Range	Maximum Price
Vyew	Speciali-	Yes	$6.95 per month	No	$13.95 per month
activeCollab	Mixed	Yes	$249 per month	No	$499 per month

Collaboration - Conferencing Features	Vyew	activeCollab
File sharing	Yes	Yes
Desktop sharing	Yes	Yes
VoIP	Yes	Yes
Teleconferencing	Yes	Yes
Chat	Yes	Yes
Dedicated rooms	Yes	Yes

Invoicing Systems	Type	Free Plan	Minimum Price	Mid Price Range	Maximum Price
Simply Invoices	Speciali-	Yes	$9 per month	Yes	$25 per month
Less Accounting	Speciali-	Yes	One pricing offer	One pricing offer	$30 per month

Invoicing Features	Simply Invoices	Less Accounting
Invoicing	Yes	Yes
Template invoices	Yes	Yes
Expense tracking	Yes	Yes
Weekly status update via email	Yes	Yes
Mileage tracking	Yes	Yes

2-plan Team

System Type: Specialized.
Designed for businesses, non-profits, governments and the academe. Involves teams in both the planning and execution stages of a project. When integrated with the 2-plan Desktop, teams can interface with the project manager. Meanwhile, a project manager can monitor multiple projects and manage several teams that may consist of in-house staff or external groups like subcontractors, consultants and client staff.

Free Plan: Yes.

The self-hosted version features unlimited users and projects and all available features with unlimited upgrades. The demo version is freely and publicly available for quick evaluations.

Minimum Price: Free.

Mid Price Range: Yes.
The software as a service (SAAS) version offers several prices for different usage options without limits to features.

Maximum Price: Customized.
Enterprise clients can avail of dedicated development and technical support and other special services.

Official Website

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System Type: General

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: Free

Mid Price Range: Not applicable

Maximum Price: Donations

Official Website

Trac Project

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: Free

Mid Price Range: Free

Maximum Price: Free

Official Website

Vyew

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $6.95 per month

Mid Price Range: No

Maximum Price: $13.95 per month

Official Website

Simply Invoices

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $9 per month

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $25 per month

Official Website

Less Accounting

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: One pricing offer

Mid Price Range: One pricing offer

Maximum Price: $30 per month

Official Website

Jumpchart

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $5 per month

Mid Price Range: $25 per month

Maximum Price: $50 per month

Official Website

fourteenDayz

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $5 per month

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $99 per month

Official Website

No Kahuna

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $7 per month

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $99 per month

Official Website

16Bugs

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $8 per month

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $99 per month

Official Website

Zoho

System Type: Mixed

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $20 per month

Mid Price Range: $35 per month

Maximum Price: $80 per month

Official Website

AceProject

System Type: Mixed

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $24 per month

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $99 per month

Official Website

Lighthouse

System Type: Mixed

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $10 per month

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $100 per month

Official Website

Springloops

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $15 per month

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $200 per month

Official Website

activeCollab

System Type: Mixed

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $249 per month

Mid Price Range: No

Maximum Price: $499 per month

Official Website

PBWorks

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: Yes

Minimum Price: $4 monthly per user

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $8 monthly per user

Official Website

JIRA

System Type: Mixed

Free Plan: No

Minimum Price: $10 per month

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $1,000 per month

Official Website

LiquidPlanner

System Type: Mixed

Free Plan: No

Minimum Price: $24 per month

Mid Price Range: Customized

Maximum Price: Customized

Official Website

Basecamp

System Type: Mixed

Free Plan: No

Minimum Price: $49 per month

Mid Price Range: $99 per month

Maximum Price: $149 per month

Official Website

CreativePro Office

System Type: Mixed

Free Plan: No

Minimum Price: $5 per month

Mid Price Range: $15 per month

Maximum Price: $30 per month

Official Website

Clarizen

System Type: Mixed

Free Plan: No

Minimum Price: $10.95 monthly per user

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $49.95 monthly per user

Official Website

LiveTimer

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: No

Minimum Price: One pricing offer

Mid Price Range: One pricing offer

Maximum Price: $5 monthly per user

Official Website

Aconex

System Type: Specialized

Free Plan: No

Minimum Price: Customized

Mid Price Range: Customized

Maximum Price: Customized

Official Website

bbb

System Type: General

Free Plan: No

Minimum Price: $57 per license plus server

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $98 per license plus server

Official Website

Celoxis

System Type: General

Free Plan: No

Minimum Price: $14.95 monthly per user

Mid Price Range: Yes

Maximum Price: $29,995 per server instance

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