

# Project management chapter notes

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These tools provide basic project management features and generally cost less than \$200 per user. Smartened and tablet APS are available for much less, but they often have limited functionality. Low end tools are often recommended for small projects and single users. Most of these tools allow users to create Gaunt charts, which cannot be done easily using current productivity software. Midrange tools: A step up from low end tools, midrange tools are designed to handle larger projects, multiple users, and multiple projects.

All of these tools can produce Gaunt charts and network diagrams, and can assist in critical path analysis, resource allocation, project tracking, and status reporting. Prices range from about \$200 to \$1,000 per user, or less per month for online tools. Several tools require additional server software for using workup features. Microsoft Project is still the most widely used project management software in this category, and it has an enterprise version, as described earlier and in Appendix A.

Students and educators can purchase software like Microsoft Project at reduced prices from sites like [www. Journey yet. Com](http://www.journeyyet.com) (\$139.95 for Project Professional 2010 in 2012), and anyone can download a trial version from Microsoft's Web site. Many other suppliers also provide trial versions of their product. Weighed tools: Another category of project management software is high end tools, sometimes referred to as enterprise project management software.

These tools provide robust capabilities to handle very large projects and dispersed workups, and they have enterprise and portfolio management

functions that summarize and combine individual project information to provide an enterprise view of all projects.