

# SOFTWARE ROUNDUP

## Project Management

Project management software comes in all shapes, sizes, and, most important, prices. The main benefit of using PM software is to increase managers' efficiency, rather than to instruct them on how to manage projects effectively. The complexity of the project determines the level and scope of the software that's best suited for your organization.

Mid-range PM products are geared to multifunctional projects being managed for executives and clients. That software, unlike more basic and static offerings, simulates the project and updates it every time a change is made to the system. It's also capable of figuring relationships and the amount of time needed for each project

component into the equation. Further, it allows for budgeting employees, external consultants, vendors, travel expenses, and equipment.

Here's a look at three examples of mid-range PM software products. The roundup chart includes contact information, a brief description of key features, and system requirements.

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Product	Key Features	System Requirements
<p><b>SureTrak Project Manager 3.0</b> Primavera Systems 3 Bala Plaza West Suite 700 Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 800.423.0245 <a href="http://www.primavera.com">www.primavera.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● framework for brainstorming and anticipating problems with the Project Kickstart Wizard</li> <li>● activity codes for grouping, filtering, and summarizing activities based on phase, location, responsibility, resource, and other customizable codes</li> <li>● customization of reports and layout</li> <li>● layouts and reports savable in HTML for Web publishing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 16 MB of RAM</li> <li>● hard disk with 40MB of free space</li> <li>● VGA or higher resolution monitor</li> <li>● Microsoft Windows, 95, 98, or NT</li> <li>● CD-ROM</li> </ul>
<p><b>Microsoft Project 2000</b> Microsoft One Microsoft Way Redmond, WA 98052 425.882.8080 <a href="http://www.microsoft.com">www.microsoft.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Task and resource information can be categorized and viewed in any grouping.</li> <li>● Graphical indicators can take the place of data for spotting potential problems.</li> <li>● Charts are provided for outlining team members' tasks across multiple projects.</li> <li>● The critical path within individual or across all inserted projects can be calculated to see a single critical path for the overall master project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 32 MB of RAM</li> <li>● hard disk with 204MB of free space</li> <li>● VGA or higher resolution monitor</li> <li>● Microsoft Windows 95, 98, 2000, or NT</li> <li>● CD-ROM</li> <li>● Pentium 75 MHz or higher processor</li> <li>● mouse</li> </ul>
<p><b>TurboProject Professional 4</b> IMSI 75 Roland Way Suite 340 Novato, CA 94945 800.833.4674 <a href="http://www.imsisoft.com">www.imsisoft.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is compatible for sharing information with Microsoft Project 98 users.</li> <li>● Users can upload, distribute, view, print, and share project files with entire team via the Internet, regardless of whether they have the software.</li> <li>● Layouts and reports can be saved in HTML for Web publishing.</li> <li>● Resources can be grouped by hierarchy and criteria such as department, category, skill, and job description.</li> <li>● Data can be exported directly to Microsoft Excel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 64 MB of RAM</li> <li>● hard disk with 22 MB of free space</li> <li>● Microsoft Windows 95, 98, ME, or NT</li> <li>● CD-ROM</li> <li>● Pentium II 266 MHz</li> <li>● mouse</li> </ul>