

# APPLUS PROJECT MANAGEMENT

## Project management with APplus – efficiency and convenience for your project management

Companies in mechanical and plant engineering as well as service providers think, plan and control in terms of projects rather than processes. After all, their offers and services are „essentially identified by their unique conditions as a whole“ – as described in the corresponding DIN standard. So that project management can fulfill its task as a central work and control tool, it mustn't only contain unstructured information such as task descriptions or contracts. On the contrary, all data relating to costs or resources must always be available and up-to-date – business-relevant information has to be integrated seamlessly into the project planning.





## Project organization with APplus

This is precisely what APplus project management does, giving you the right information instantly at all times, enabling you to organize your projects effectively. Orders can be handled just like projects even during the offer and planning phase – this saves time and reduces the amount of work involved considerably.

### The components of the APplus solution:

- Multi-project management
- Graphical resource planning
- Project cost monitoring
- Project costing (preliminary and final costing, including simultaneous costing)



## Project management seamlessly integrated into the ERP system

Above all, a comprehensive project management solution has to be completely and seamlessly integrated with the ERP system – from the risk assessment of a project to order initiation and fulfillment, through to the end of a service or delivery of a finished product. The project management module from APplus fulfills this requirement completely, thereby acting as a center for planning and controlling all project-related processes and information.

### APplus: the pivotal points for planning and control

APplus avoids redundant data storage and keeps all transactions up-to-date at all times. This means that costs and resources can be planned even during the offer phase. Project management also supports sales by being directly integrated in CRM activities as early as the acquisition phase. Finally, the creation of offers and processing of orders can be controlled and monitored centrally using project management.



## Comprehensive features for efficient project management

### Among other things, project management from APplus offers:

#### Rough planning

With project organization, projects can be defined and estimated resource requirements can be created even in an early phase of the project life cycle. The deadlines and costs can be roughly planned on the basis of this. Any number of individual orders can be allocated to a project in the implementation phase.

#### Project cost monitoring

Project cost monitoring integrates the business expenses that were recorded on a project basis (material, workflows and much more) with the roughly specified cost elements from the planning and commissioning phase, which were allocated to the project via project cost recording. This creates a complete overview of all costs that were incurred by the project. These can be reused to analyze the project's success based on the revenues generated.

## Why is APplus a good choice for medium-sized companies?

### APplus focuses on medium-sized companies

Medium-sized enterprises – Asseco's main target group – are characterized by a series of specific requirements and conditions to which an appropriate project management module has to be adapted:

- Individual projects often extend over several months or even quarters
- Focus is placed on efficient operation – both from a financial and project-related perspective
- It must be possible to determine a project's progress precisely at any time

The project management module from APplus meets these requirements by integrating project planning and business transactions: a „percentage of completion“ shows the current status of the project as well as its planned further course, and can therefore be integrated into financial accounting. The APplus module uses functions such as these to bridge the discontinuity of media between both areas – process workflows are accelerated and are less prone to errors.

## More efficient use, additional convenience

### Among other things, , this includes the following new features:

**To offer users the highest level of convenience and user-friendliness, we focused on ergonomics and ease of use in day-to-day work when developing the current version 6.3 of the project management module.**

#### Improved rough planning with a utilization histogram

With project organization, projects can be defined and resource requirements can be estimated even in an early phase of the project life cycle. The deadlines and costs as well as the necessary staff resources can be roughly planned on the basis of this. For this purpose, the new version of the project management module enhances the previous planning board with a histogram on the utilization of employee capacities. These are displayed using the data basis of service or vacation schedules

– in doing so, the solution differentiates between planned and actually approved vacation, among other things. Current sickness times are also included in the calculation, thereby ensuring that the display is up-to-date at all times.

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#### More order: allocate files and documents to project line items

As the scope of a project increases, so does its complexity. Nevertheless, to maintain an overview it is important that employees can quickly and easily access relevant documents such as plans or correspondence, as well as commercial information such as documents or invoices at all times. With the new version 6.3, individual documents and files can now be allocated to individual processes in specific project line items. Construction plans or e-mail conversations can therefore be assigned directly to their corresponding task, so they can be called up easily and quickly by the employees involved.

#### Convenient copying of task packages

A task rarely stands in isolation. In most cases, it is related to other tasks or involves additional dependent tasks. Together these form a logical system of interdependencies – and these are often incurred in several different projects. The new version of project management from APplus enables users to copy task packages including all interdependencies easily and conveniently to another project. The system intelligently adapts all dependencies for the new project: if task 2 always starts three days after task 1 has been completed, the system recognizes this connection and automatically updates the corresponding deadlines in the target project.

#### Also used on-site

So that field service projects can be given the best possible support, APplus also offers its users comprehensive mobility functions. With mobile time recording, the time for a project line item can be documented anywhere using an iPad or Android tablet – at the customer's site for example. This prevents times from being forgotten or having to be subsequently reconstructed, which is often difficult and imprecise. Since you no longer need to record handwritten notes electronically at a later point, administrative work is also reduced considerably. All costs become completely transparent for both sides – customers and providers. On the basis of these reported times, automated outgoing invoices to customers can also be subsequently created.

#### Migration tool for conveniently upgrading to the new version

With the introduction of the sixth generation of the project management module, the solution was processed and optimized comprehensively at all levels – including a new, more efficient data structure. The current version 6.3 enables existing customers who already use previous releases of the module (5.x downwards) to upgrade easily and securely to the latest version: the automated migration tool transfers old data inventories to the new data structures of the latest generation, thereby giving legacy customers the opportunity to benefit from the new features of the latest version.

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