

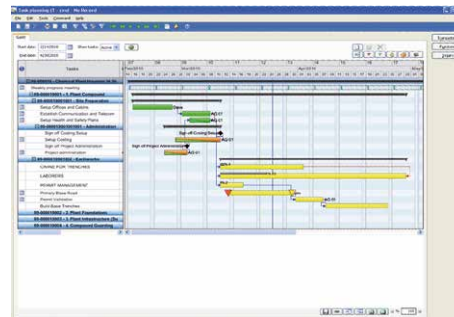
# Visual Project Planning

## for Microsoft Dynamics AX

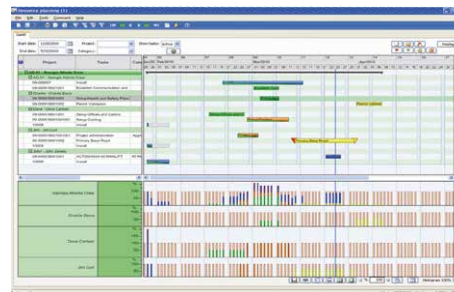
Effective project management involves much more than just laying down a timeline. Numerous factors—internal and external—influence how well or poorly a given project progresses. The responsibility for handling all these variables falls to project managers, who rely heavily on up-to-date information to maintain the progress of their projects. But too often the information they get is outdated, incomplete, or just plain wrong. In today's highly connected business world, that can spell trouble not just for one project, but for the entire company.

To better ensure accurate project planning, the modern manager needs a solution that accounts for many variables. These variables can involve financial details (how many hours have been billed to date?, what's the estimate to completion?), logistics (are purchase and production orders on time?), and resources (is there enough capacity in the engineering department?). To plan for these demanding situations, managers need a tool that gives real-time insight into the status of projects, including the availability of materials and resources, and can help forecast potential problems.

To-Increase Visual Project Planning offers direct insight into the progress of projects. It combines planning of activities, resources, and materials with progress. Deviations of the plan are visualized in a comprehensive manner, so all aspects are clear and accessible to managers or other employees responsible for completing the project. These capabilities help your project managers gain deep insights into ongoing projects, thus providing fast response and improved service to customers.



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## Benefits

- **Integrate with other To-Increase solutions.** Tailor your existing solution to meet exacting project needs. Visual Project Planning integrates seamlessly into the To-Increase Advanced Discrete Manufacturing and Construction Solutions.
- **Optimize resource usage.** Gain direct insight into the availability of resources, so you can react to capacity issues in a structured manner.
- **Reduce costs.** Link item requirements directly to activity or project planning, so you can purchase or produce items only when they are needed.
- **Improve customer satisfaction.** Provide accurate, visible planning for every project—from start to finish. Manage costs, products, and resources to deliver projects on time and within budget.
- **Increase efficiency.** Give project managers direct insight into potential problems so they can take corrective measures accordingly.

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## Features

<b>Optimized Resource Planning</b>	Allow project managers to quickly analyze and solve capacity problems using real-time insight into resource availability.
<b>Item Planning</b>	Schedule purchases and production orders more precisely by connecting item requirements to planned activities.
<b>Link to Master Planning</b>	Avoid production and purchase delays using automatic notices that are connected to planned activities. These messages notify your team of future issues so you can address them before they become a problem.
<b>Visible Progress</b>	Track the progress of projects based on the hours booked by employees for all relevant activities. The system automatically calculates the information and presents the results in a clear, visual manner to keep you in the know.
<b>Linked Activities</b>	Link activities and progress—even across projects. Even when a single employee or activity impacts multiple projects, Visual Project Planning tracks that impact for every project, so management can see and resolve scheduling and supply conflicts before they happen.
<b>Resource Planning</b>	Plan activities and resource usage effectively on two levels: groups of resources or workers and individual resource or workers. This flexibility helps avoid confusion and information or project logjams by giving managers the ability to schedule in cooperation with multiple Work Centers or Groups.
<b>Integration with Other To-Increase Solutions</b>	Expand the effectiveness of To-Increase Advanced Discrete Manufacturing and Construction Solutions. Visual Project Planning integrates seamlessly with these solutions to improve your workflow and effectiveness, company-wide.
<b>Project Planning Templates</b>	Save time by tailoring predefined templates to address your individual company needs. The versatile Visual Project Planning templates can be set up according to a variety of company systems, so your planning can fit your precise processes.
<b>Automatic Setup of Project Plans</b>	Generate project plans automatically based on estimated hours. This facilitates effective project scoping and estimating, and can be easily modified to meet actual conditions and timelines.
<b>From Quote to Project</b>	Gain insight and plan activities starting in the quotation phase with seamless handover to the project execution phase.