

Project and Portfolio Management Module

Make smart portfolio investment decisions.

Product Highlights

Reduce Costs and Increase Efficiency Through Effective Portfolio Management Decisions

Competition for resources is fiercer than ever today in most companies—probably including yours. How can organizations prioritize the needs of different business units and other internal customers? How can they make tough decisions about what to take on? And how do they share those decisions with their business leaders?

The Portfolio Management module of Micro Focus® Project and Portfolio Management (PPM) provides the real-time governance process you need for effective portfolio management to reduce costs and increase efficiency. From the day-to-day maintenance work to the new initiatives that grow and transform your business, this module lets business stakeholders collaboratively govern the entire corporate portfolio with objective prioritizations and multiple levels of input, review, and approval.

The Portfolio Management module of PPM provides you with the information and processes you need to make effective portfolio decisions. From proposal initiation, justification, and review to project initiation, execution, deployment, and benefits realization, it uses automatic, real-time updates, and an enforced process to keep stakeholders involved.

Unlike other systems, the Portfolio Management module of PPM provides real-time visibility into strategic direction, resources, budgets, forecasts, costs, programs, projects, and operational demands—without costly integrations to multiple data sources or forced efforts to update the data. You get a clear view of how to increase value and meet business goals with your investments.

The Portfolio Management module's optimization capabilities make it simple for you: The system automatically suggests the ideal mix of proposed projects and other work based on user-defined or constraint-based criteria.

Enforce and Automate Governance Processes

The Portfolio Management module of PPM provides the processes required for effective corporate portfolio management. Individual and team involvement is built into the portfolio management process—so that the right people are involved at the right time. For example, the portfolio governance process starts when a business user requests or suggests a new capability for an application or support for a new project. The request is automatically routed to a reviewer, and then to a business analyst or team for an initial business case, before being routed to the operations council and the architecture standards committee for review and scoring. The business council then evaluates the prioritized, ranked proposal to determine its effect

on the current portfolio mix, both from a budget and resource perspective.

Best practice processes are included and are ready to use, or you can configure the application to support your portfolio management processes using the graphical, drag-and-drop process modeler.

Connect the Dots Between Your Stakeholders

With the Portfolio Management module of PPM, you can align corporate investments to business strategy. As projects are proposed and resource requirements are identified within the portfolio, your business executives can prioritize their work and provide stakeholders with better estimates of when the work will be completed.

Inspect All Enterprise Project Investments in One View

The Portfolio Management module supports hierarchical portfolios that give executives and managers the flexibility to set up and review the corporate portfolio to reflect their organizational and reporting requirements. Real-time budgetary information and program, and project-health status indicators offer timely visibility into actual status against the forecasted plan. You can drill into these details to review specific details at the portfolio, sub-portfolio, program, project, or asset level.



Figure 1. Real-time views: The Portfolio Management dashboard displays portfolio management information, giving your IT and business leaders real-time views of portfolio performance to support dynamic decision-making.

Model the Ideal Mix

Determining the ideal mix of proposed projects, active projects, and operational work to fund in any particular year is difficult. The Portfolio Management module of PPM lets you define unlimited what-if scenarios, creating the ideal mix of projects, proposals, and other work. You can model changes to dates, budgets, or resources to meet your goals, whether they are strategic alignment, return on investment, net present value, benefit realization, capacity, skill availability, or a combination of these or other factors. You can also see the impact of accelerating an important initiative or retiring a low-value asset.

The powerful optimization engine churns through every combination of portfolio management options to recommend the ideal mix. You can further define the optimization criteria by defining targets for spending against business objectives, project class, or asset class. You can flag regulatory or compliance projects so that they are included, regardless of their contribution to the overall portfolio value. You can also identify project dependencies to determine whether the ideal mix is achievable in reality.

Once the information is optimized, you can modify the portfolio further before accepting the recommendation. Visualizations highlight any discrepancies between an optimal portfolio and the current portfolio.

How it works The Portfolio Management module provides the processes, entities, and analysis to

manage your corporate portfolio. The module collects real-time quantitative information (such as financial budgets and forecasts, resources, and schedules), along with qualitative information (such as strategic fit, alignment, and complexity) for apples-to-apples comparisons across the portfolio. Automated processes enforce required information so that it is available and consistent across pending or proposed projects, active projects, and applications in production. Support for hierarchical portfolios gives you the flexibility to provide business units with information that map to their unique requirements.

And instead of having to view manual data entered into standalone reporting tools, your executives can see the portfolio's real-time status and get immediate access to detailed information to support their decision-making.

Choose the Delivery Option That Is Best for You

Micro Focus offers a flexible range of options to customers who want to make the move to a more effective project and portfolio management. You can get the full-featured power of PPM either as an on-premises solution or through Software as a Service (SaaS). Our unique delivery model can help reduce risk, shorten time to value, and decrease deployment

View Portfolio Hierarchy

Search portfolios... Search

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Name	Portfolio Managers	Forecast Cost
Advantage Inc.	Joseph Banks	\$7,324,101
BU-Supply Chain	Jonathan Kaplan	\$90,000
BU-Sales	Joseph Banks	\$576,000
BU-Finance	Joseph Banks	\$2,818,450
BU-Accounting	Joseph Banks	\$48,450
BU-Controlling	Joseph Banks	\$0
BU-Treasury	Joseph Banks	\$370,000
BU-Marketing	Joseph Banks	\$95,000
IT Organization	Jonathan Kaplan	\$59,983,391
IT-Operations	Jonathan Kaplan	\$0
Applications	Jonathan Kaplan	\$0
Application Portfolio	Malcolm Claude	\$190,000
Sharon Demo	Admin User	\$0

Figure 2. PPM Portfolio Management hierarchies provide flexibility to view the corporate portfolio in multiple ways to meet unique reporting requirements.

costs. The Micro Focus SaaS for PPM option delivers a ready-to-use service, with multiple environments of PPM to support lifecycle management. A flexible payment plan can help you better manage expenses. As part of your team, an IT Infrastructure Library (ITIL) and PPM certified technical account manager work with you to provide ongoing mentoring and guidance on best practices. SaaS enables enhanced access 24x7 and provides industry-leading availability of 99.9 percent to users worldwide.¹ With both approaches, you benefit from our best practices, which provide you faster time to value and lower overall deployment risk.

Key Features and Benefits

- **Visibility into the entire corporate portfolio:** Hierarchical portfolios let your organization's managers and executives review and track the portfolio in a way that reflects their organizational structure, business goals, and reporting requirements—while providing the ability to identify opportunities for cost efficiencies.

¹ As defined in the Service Uptime Commitment of Attachment C of the Service Level Agreement between Micro Focus and the customer.

- **Real-time management:** Supports speed and responsiveness in making difficult portfolio management decisions by capturing real-time portfolio, program, project, and asset status automatically to provide accurate, up-to-date information.
- **Enforced, automated processes:** Supports efficiency and reduces risk by governing and automating the entire portfolio lifecycle from proposal initiation, justification, and review to project initiation, execution, deployment, and benefits realization.
- **What-if scenario planning:** Enables you to automatically or manually create an ideal mix of projects, proposals, and assets to meet your organization's goals by modeling unlimited scenarios.
- **Application lifecycle management support:** PPM supports the Micro Focus Application Lifecycle Management solution by providing real-time visibility into the health status of any application in the portfolio. Automated application lifecycle processes' controls, including support for industry standards and methodologies, help you improve application quality while lowering costs.

Micro Focus Services

Get the Most from Your Software Investment

Micro Focus provides high-quality software services to address all aspects of your software application lifecycle needs. With Micro Focus, you can access standards-based, modular, multi-platform software coupled with global services and support. The wide range of Micro Focus service offerings—from online self-service support to proactive mission-critical services—let you choose the services that best match your business needs.

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