



The Project Management App for Professionals

Reolli - Case Study v1.0

Reolli: The Comprehensive Project Management Solution for Complex, Large-Scale Initiatives

Executive Summary

In today's fast-paced and highly competitive business environment, effective project management is critical to success. However, many existing project management tools fall short when handling large-scale, complex projects involving multiple stakeholders, locations, and phases. This white paper explores the challenges faced by large corporations and software vendors in managing such projects and presents Reolli as a comprehensive solution. With its unique features like real-time visibility, advanced risk management, and seamless collaboration, Reolli not only addresses the limitations of traditional tools but also offers a new level of efficiency and effectiveness, ensuring successful project outcomes.

Introduction

Project management tools have been in use for a considerable period and have undergone significant evolution, each with its own set of strengths and weaknesses. However, many of these tools, such as Microsoft Project, JIRA, Smartsheet, DevOps, and even Excel spreadsheets, are not well-suited for specific project requirements. Their limitations become more apparent as projects increase in size and complexity or involve multiple overlapping projects. The use of third-party tools, though available, often adds to the complexity of project management rather than simplifying it. This is where Reolli, a comprehensive solution, steps in.

Current Challenges Faced with Large and Complex Projects

Consider a Large Corporation:

A typical large corporation might manage dozens of ongoing projects, such as:

- A complex ERP software installation at four locations in the US, two in Europe, and one in Asia.

- Five software upgrades across three different divisions.
- New equipment installations in three factories.
- 15 training events covering 10 different topics in five countries, involving various teams and languages over many months.

Let's break down these example projects:

- **ERP installations:** 4 locations in the US + 2 locations in Europe + 1 location in Asia = 7 projects
- **Software upgrades:** 5 projects
- **New equipment installations:** 3 projects
- **Training events:** 15 projects

Total number of projects = 7 (ERP installations) + 5 (software upgrades) + 3 (new equipment installations) + 15 (training events) = 30 projects.

Managing these projects individually with today's tools is highly challenging and often requires multiple project managers and sometimes entire teams to oversee. While some software allows for creating subprojects, this quickly becomes a project management nightmare. Reporting and consolidated reporting are particularly challenging because, although some reporting capabilities exist, none of these tools handle increased complexity effectively. Typically, only the project managers can access the information effectively, creating a bottleneck.

Consider a Software Vendor:

At any given time, a software vendor might be managing:

- Many dozens of new software implementations, each with unique requirements and challenges, such as custom integrations and specific client needs.
- Numerous simultaneous upgrades, requiring careful synchronization to avoid conflicts and ensure compatibility across different systems and versions.
- Multiple teams at customer sites performing training, customizations, and discoveries, often requiring coordination across different time zones and languages, adding complexity to communication and scheduling.
- Projects across different countries involving diverse teams and various software versions, necessitating a deep understanding of local regulations, cultural nuances, and operational standards.
- Complex stakeholder management, including clients, internal teams, external partners, and regulatory bodies, each with different expectations and deliverables.
- Continuous project health monitoring involving key performance indicators (KPIs) such as deadlines, budget adherence, resource utilization, and quality standards.

Let's break down a typical scenario for a year:

- **New software implementations:** 15 projects
 - Each project involves unique client requirements, custom integrations, and multi-phase deployment strategies.
 - Coordination across multiple departments, including development, quality assurance, and customer support.
- **Software upgrades:** 30 projects
 - Upgrades must be synchronized to avoid conflicts and ensure backward compatibility.
 - Includes thorough testing phases and user acceptance testing (UAT) cycles.

- **Training and customization teams:** 70 ongoing projects
 - Training sessions tailored to different user roles and proficiency levels across various software versions.
 - Customizations require detailed discovery sessions, development, and iterative feedback loops with clients.
 - Projects may span several months, involving multiple delivery and support phases.

Additionally, consider these complexities:

- **Regulatory Compliance Projects:** 10 projects
 - Each project requires adherence to specific industry regulations and standards, such as GDPR, HIPAA, or SOX compliance.
 - Includes rigorous auditing, documentation, and reporting requirements.
- **Multi-Vendor Collaboration Projects:** 8 projects
 - Collaboration with external vendors and partners for integrated solutions.
 - Coordination of joint timelines, shared resources, and cross-company communication protocols.
- **R&D and Innovation Projects:** 5 projects
 - Development of new features and products requiring cutting-edge research, prototyping, and beta testing.
 - Includes collaboration with external research institutions and technology partners.

Total number of projects = 15 (new software implementations) + 30 (software upgrades) + 70 (training and customization) + 10 (regulatory compliance) + 8 (multi-vendor collaboration) + 5 (R&D and innovation) = 138 projects.

Managing 138 separate projects is typically required. While some software allows for creating subprojects, this quickly becomes a project management nightmare. Reporting and consolidated reporting are particularly challenging because, although some reporting capabilities exist, none of these tools handle increased complexity effectively. Typically, only the project managers can access the information effectively, creating a bottleneck.

Some of these projects may be within the same companies, adding layers of complexity. Coordinating all these projects requires detailed planning and precise execution. Each project involves various stakeholders, timelines, resources, and deliverables. Seamless communication and meticulous progress tracking are essential to avoid delays and ensure successful outcomes.

The complexity increases exponentially when integrating and managing multiple projects within the same organization. Overlapping schedules, resource allocation conflicts, and inter-project dependencies create significant challenges. Ensuring that each project stays on track while maintaining overall strategic alignment becomes a monumental task.

Loss of visibility is common, leading to issues with delivery, timing, resources, and budget. These problems can significantly impact project outcomes and damage the reputation of those leading the projects. Effective visibility and management are crucial to mitigate these risks and ensure project success.

Executive Perspective

Now, consider the perspective of a CIO or C-Level executive trying to gain a clear vision of all these projects. With dozens, or even hundreds, of simultaneous initiatives—ranging from new software implementations and upgrades to training sessions and customizations—the complexity is staggering.

Each project has its own set of stakeholders, timelines, resources, and deliverables, all of which must be meticulously tracked and managed. The executive needs to ensure that each project aligns with the company's strategic goals while staying within budget and on schedule. Traditional project management tools often fail to provide the

comprehensive, real-time insights required to oversee such a vast portfolio of projects. These tools may not offer the advanced features necessary for seamless coordination, extensive reporting, or real-time updates across multiple projects. The challenge is further compounded when projects overlap within the same organization, leading to resource allocation conflicts and dependencies that must be carefully managed. In such a scenario, the executive requires a specialized project management solution that can handle the intricacies of large-scale, multi-project environments. This solution must provide clear visibility into project progress, facilitate effective communication among teams, and offer robust reporting capabilities to ensure that all projects stay aligned with the overall strategic vision. Without such a tool, maintaining control and achieving successful outcomes across numerous complex projects becomes an almost insurmountable task.

Introducing Reolli: Your Solution for Complex Project Management

Far too many IT projects fail due to inadequate project management tools. Reolli is a holistic project management solution providing a 360-degree view designed to address the shortcomings of existing tools and ensure project success.

Inavista Reolli Product Summary

Overview:

- Comprehensive project management solution
- Provides real-time visibility and control
- Equipped with multiple modules for managing risks, budgets, execution plans, and collaboration

Key Features:

1. Risk Analysis Dashboard:

- Real-time insights into project risks and financial impacts
- View multiple projects and identify warning signs
- Proactive risk management
- Drill-down capabilities to understand risk factors

2. Project Tickets and Operations Management:

- Tracks project issues and gauges impact on execution plans
- Consolidated views for status updates and resource management
- Streamlines support structures for service-level agreements

3. Planning Analysis:

- Tracks external factors from inception to completion
- Embedded workflows for communication and risk mitigation
- Access to past project plans and mitigation strategies

4. Execution Analysis:

- Real-time visibility of project milestones and activities
- Assesses project risks and financial impacts
- Workflow triggers for alerts and corrective actions

5. Budget Analysis:

- Complete visibility of budget status and variances
- Consolidated views of budget consumption
- Automatic alerts for budget overages

6. Time Tracking and Expense Management:

- Accurate recording and tracking of time and expenses in real-time
- Variance comparisons between estimated and actual costs

7. Collaboration:

- Team interaction via discussion walls and chat features
- Organized project events and notifications
- Project knowledge base through documentation and discussions

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q1: What kind of training is provided with Reolli?

- **A:** We offer comprehensive training programs, including on-site training sessions, webinars, and detailed user manuals, to ensure that all team members are proficient in Reolli.

Q2: Can Reolli handle projects of different sizes and complexities?

- **A:** Yes, Reolli is highly scalable and can manage projects of varying sizes and complexities, from small departmental projects to large, enterprise-wide initiatives.

Q3: What support options are available after implementation?

- **A:** We provide ongoing support through our customer service team, including technical support, software updates, and access to an online knowledge base.

Q4: How does Reolli ensure data security?

- **A:** Reolli adheres to industry-standard security protocols, including data encryption, regular security audits, and compliance with regulations such as GDPR and HIPAA.

ROI Analysis

Implementing Reolli can significantly improve project efficiency and success rates, translating into tangible financial benefits. Some potential ROI metrics include:

- **Reduced Project Delays:** By providing real-time visibility and proactive risk management, Reolli helps prevent project delays, which can save significant costs.
- **Improved Resource Utilization:** Enhanced tracking and management of resources to ensure optimal use, reducing wastage and associated costs.
- **Decreased Failure Rates:** Better planning and execution oversight lead to fewer project failures, saving the costs associated with project rework or abandonment.
- **Increased Stakeholder Satisfaction:** Efficient project management and communication improve stakeholder satisfaction, which can potentially lead to repeat business and referrals.

Why Reolli Rather Than Its Competitors?

While many project management tools offer similar features, Inavista Reolli distinguishes itself in several key ways:

1. Real-Time, Comprehensive Visibility:

- **Unique Integration:** Reolli provides an integrated view of risks, budget, execution plans, and project variables, offering a more holistic perspective than many PM tools.
- **Real-Time Updates:** Continuous real-time updates ensure that all team members have the most current information, enhancing decision-making and responsiveness.

2. Proactive Risk Management:

- **Detailed Risk Analysis:** Reolli offers sophisticated risk analysis with real-time financial impact assessments and the ability to drill down into contributing factors.
- **Embedded Workflows:** Automated workflows proactively alert managers to potential issues, enabling swift corrective action.

3. Mobile Accessibility:

- **Fully Functional Mobile App:** Unlike many PM tools that have limited mobile capabilities, Reolli's mobile app offers the same functionality as its web version, ensuring project management on the go.

4. Enhanced Collaboration:

- **Integrated Communication Tools:** Reolli includes built-in discussion walls and chat features for every record, enhancing team collaboration and knowledge sharing in real time.
- **Centralized Feedback and Documentation:** Attach documents and relevant files directly within the platform, centralizing project information and facilitating easier access.

5. In-Depth Planning and Execution Analysis:

- **Historical Data Access:** Reolli provides access to a repository of previous project plans and mitigation strategies, allowing teams to leverage past experiences for better future planning.
- **Execution Focus:** It simplifies project management by highlighting critical milestones and activities, ensuring focused execution.

6. Budget and Expense Management:

- **Granular Visibility:** Offers detailed tracking of budget status, variances, and expense management at both resource and project levels, often more granular than other tools.
- **Automatic Alerts:** Triggers alerts when actual hours and costs exceed forecasts, preventing budget overruns.

7. User Experience and Interface:

- **Ease of Use:** Reolli's user-friendly web and mobile interfaces reduce deployment and training costs, making it accessible for all team members.
- **Customizable and Flexible:** The Operations Management module is highly configurable, allowing organizations to tailor the tool to their specific needs.

8. Proven Expertise:

- **Developed by Industry Veterans:** With over 50 years of collective experience, Reolli is designed by experts who understand the complexities of project management.
- **Trusted by Leading Companies:** Endorsed by companies like Piper Aircraft for their reliability and effectiveness in managing complex projects.

Call to Action

Ready to transform your project management approach? Discover how Reolli can help your organization achieve greater efficiency, visibility, and success in managing complex, large-scale projects. Contact our sales team today to schedule a demo, request a free trial, or learn more about how Reolli can meet your specific needs.

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Conclusion: Inavista Reolli goes beyond the basics offered by typical project management tools. Its emphasis on real-time, holistic visibility, proactive risk management, comprehensive mobile capabilities, and enhanced collaboration sets it apart. These features, combined with its ease of use and expert development, make Reolli a compelling choice for organizations seeking a robust and proactive project management solution.