

Microsoft Office Project 2007 Edition Comparison

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Page title: Which Microsoft Office Project 2007 Edition Is Best for You?

Introductory text: Microsoft Office Project 2007 offers several editions to fit your needs. This chart compares three options for users who want project management: Microsoft Office Project Standard 2007, Microsoft Office Project Professional 2007 connected to Microsoft Office Project Server 2007, and Microsoft Office Project Web Access 2007. Determining which edition best fits your needs is as easy as knowing the type of work that you do. Office Project Standard 2007 is designed for managers who do not need to collaborate with others to build their projects or select resources. Office Project Professional 2007 is designed for project and resource managers who work with others across an enterprise to share schedules and resources. Office Project Web Access 2007 is designed for those who do not need all the functions of the desktop client, such as executives, team members, and administrators.

For portfolio management, please consider using Microsoft Office Project Portfolio Server 2007 and its Web client.

Office Project Standard 2007

Office Project Standard 2007 gives you robust project management tools that have the right blend of usability, power, and flexibility, so that you can manage projects more efficiently and effectively. You can stay informed—control project work, schedules, and finances—and keep project teams aligned, while becoming more productive through integration with familiar Microsoft Office system programs, powerful reporting options, and guided planning, wizards, and templates.

Note: Office Project Standard 2007 is designed for users who do not require Web-based coordination or collaboration that takes advantage of shared projects and resources from a central database.

Office Project Professional 2007

Office Project Professional 2007 gives you robust project management capabilities. You can stay informed—control project work, schedules, finances—and keep project teams aligned, while becoming more productive through integration with familiar Microsoft Office system programs, powerful reporting options, and guided planning, wizards, and templates.

Note: Office Project Professional 2007 can be either run as a single-user solution or connected to Office Project Server 2007 for enterprise project management capabilities. In

this comparison, we will present features in the context of Office Project Professional 2007 connected to Office Project Server 2007.

Office Project Web Access 2007

The Web client to Office Project Server 2007 provides users a simple Web interface to access a range of functions in Office Project 2007. Office Project Web Access (PWA) 2007 enables users to view, analyze, and report on project information, including timesheets, as well as create project proposals and activity plans. Functions in PWA can be exposed or removed, based on a user’s authorization level. PWA also includes the administrative user interface. Use of PWA requires an Office Project Server 2007 Client Access License (CAL).

Edition Comparison Table

Office Project 2007 Edition Comparison

KEY: ○ = Feature Included

Features/Benefits	Office Project Standard 2007	Office Project Professional 2007 (connected to Office Project Server 2007)	Office Project Web Access 2007
Availability			
Stand-alone desktop usage	○	*	
Sold in retail channel	○	**	
Available in 23 languages	○	○	○
Requires Office Project Server 2007		○	○
Capabilities			
Project management	○	○	○
Create and edit all aspects of a project	○	○	
Project Guide	○	○	
Project templates	○	○	
Gantt view of project(s)	○	○	○
Task creation and delegation	○	○	○
Calendar view of project(s)	○	○	
Network Diagram view of project(s)	○	○	
Multiple-level undo	○	○	
Task drivers	○	○	
Visual change highlighting	○	○	
Cube Building Service for custom OLAP reports			○
Create Proposals and activity plans			○
Track all projects and programs in a single Office Project Center			○
Resource management	○	○	○
Resource with multiple level skill attributes		○	○
Build team from Enterprise		○	○
Collaboration with shared enterprise resource pool and availability		○	○
Timesheets			○
Team collaboration		○	○
Uses Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services (version 3)		***	○
Track issues, risks, and documents		***	○
Automatically creates a project workspace		○	
Import project task lists from Microsoft Office			○

Features/Benefits	Office Project Standard 2007	Office Project Professional 2007 (connected to Office Project Server 2007)	Office Project Web Access 2007
SharePoint Server 2007			
Programmability and management			
Customization with Microsoft Visual Basic for Applications	○	○	
Customization with Office Project Server 2007 interface		○	○
Capabilities based on user's authorization			○
Administration of Office Project Server 2007			○
Integration			
Office Online Help and templates	○	○	
Automated e-mail notification	○	○	○
Visual reports to Microsoft Office Excel 2007 and Microsoft Office Visio Professional 2007	○	○	
Copy Picture to Office Wizard: Microsoft Office Excel 2007, Microsoft Office Word 2007, Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007	○	○	
Microsoft Office Outlook 2007 integration to calendar and To-Do Bar	○	○	
XML save/load and support	○	○	

**When not connected to Office Project Server 2007.*

***While Office Project Professional 2007 will be available in retail, Office Project Server 2007 will not.*

****With display of PWA components in the Office Project Professional 2007 desktop environment.*