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# Reviewer's Guide

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## Brief Introduction

Back in 2003, when Logic Software Inc. needed a project management system for our own use, we were disappointed by the available options. The most common approach to project management was the use of paper, whiteboards, and spreadsheets; however, this approach was cumbersome, non-collaborative, and difficult to scale. Desktop applications presented additional problems, putting limits on customer access and lacking all-in-one capabilities. Further, complex enterprise tools were unnecessarily complicated and overly expensive.

With no suitable options, we decided to take the matter into our own hands. This marked the beginning of the easiest all-in-one web based project management software, Easy Projects .NET. Unlike the majority of products on the market, Easy Projects .NET focuses on features of actual use to organizations rather than fancy “bells and whistles”. Although we initially created the product for our own needs, Easy Projects .NET soon gained popularity among Logic Software’s existing customers, thus launching the product into the commercial market.

This reviewer’s guide has been created to help familiarize you with Easy Projects .NET and provide you with valuable resources for your evaluation of the product. The guide consists of a general overview of the software, as well as an in-depth look at the product’s features. Easy Projects .NET has an impressive customer base and was a finalist in the 2008 Jolt Product Excellence Awards. I hope you enjoy Easy Projects .NET and I look forward to working with you.

Best Regards,

**Vadim Katcherovski**  
**CEO**  
**Logic Software Inc.**



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## Overview

Easy Projects .NET is a Web 2.0 AJAX-based project collaboration software, specifically designed to make project management, task tracking and team collaboration hassle free and straightforward. Positioned as the easiest all-in-one web based project management software, Easy Projects .NET incorporates built-in time sheets, issue tracking, and customer request tracking with an easy-to-use project management tool.

The product's intuitive interface and contextual tips enable novice users to focus on projects rather than learning the system, while experienced users will appreciate the rich functionality and "down-to-Earth" approach.

Major features of Easy Projects .NET include:

- Unlimited Projects and Tasks Time Tracking
- Issue Tracking and Change Request Management
- Real-Time Conferencing (Meetings, VOIP, Webcams)
- Any-Time Asynchronous Collaboration (Share Files, Review and Work on Content)
- Resource Management Tools and Reports
- Portfolio Management
- Custom Fields and Reports
- Unlimited Customer Access



A comprehensive list of Easy Projects .NET features is available at:

<http://www.easyprojects.net/features.asp>



## Product Highlights

### **AJAX-based Interface**

Easy Projects .NET's use of AJAX on-demand technologies ensures that the system's unparalleled fast performance is unaffected by the number of projects and tasks in the database. Contextual menus, drag and drop functions and spreadsheet mode create a familiar and intuitive user experience that encourages collaboration, decreases the learning curve and virtually eliminates the natural resistance to new tools.

### **Real-Time Conferencing**

The integration of Easy Projects .NET with Vview allows users to conduct real-time, online meetings using built-in Vview tools such as Web Video, VOIP, Desktop Sharing, Whiteboards and Text Chats. Project teams can effectively manage their projects and engage with remote users through live meetings and contextual discussions at their convenience.

### **Any-Time Collaboration**

The integration of Easy Projects .NET with Vview allows users to capture content and discussions from meeting to meeting and track team member input in-between meetings. Each user can engage in any-time and always-on, asynchronous collaboration where user input can be tracked and annotated.



Official press announcement of the integration between Easy Projects .NET and Vview:  
<http://www.easyprojects.net/press/09302009.html>

### **Interactive Gantt Chart**

Utilizing the latest Microsoft Silverlight technology, the Interactive Gantt chart provides a unique full-screen graphing capability allowing project managers to plan and co-ordinate project tasks with options such as zoom, print, in-line editing, as well as drag-and-drop task scheduling, resource planning and activity assignments.



Official press announcement of the release of Easy Projects .NET Interactive Gantt Chart:  
<http://www.easyprojects.net/press/10082009.html>



## Comparative Matrix

Feature	Easy Projects .NET	Basecamp*	Microsoft Project 2007
Purchase Price	\$190	N/A	\$599 <sup>95</sup>
Number of users included in price	1	N/A	1
Number of projects included in price	Unlimited	N/A	Unlimited
Monthly Lease	\$24 <sup>99</sup>	\$24	N/A
Number of users included in price	1	Unlimited	N/A
Number of projects included in price	Unlimited	15	N/A
<b>Features</b>			
Desktop module	✓	✗	✓
Desktop Timer Application	✓	✗	✗
ASP module (web access)	✓	✓	Requires MS Project Server
Assign tasks to multiple users	✓	✗	✓
Task dependency	✓	✗	✓
Task hierarchy	✓	✗	✓
Financials / Billing	✓	✗	✓
Custom reports	✓	✗	✓
Message Boards	✓	✓	✗
Gantt Charts	✓	✗	✓
Centralized Collaboration Center	✓	✓	✗
<b>Support</b>			
Phone support	✓	✗	✓
Email support	✓	✓	✗
Remote Access support	✓	✗	✗
IM support	✓	✗	✗
<b>Other</b>			
Source Code available	✓	✗	✗
API / SDK Available	✓	✓	✓
Issue Tracking	✓	✗	✗
Customer Request Tracking	✓	✗	✗
Custom fields	✓	✗	✓

\* Base plan



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## Our Clients

Easy Projects .NET is used in over 50 countries around the globe by recognized brands, small businesses and freelancers.



Easy Projects .NET has taught us a number of very important lessons concerning our campaign management and the every-day utilization of project management software.

Neset Kutlug, Process Administrator  
Greenpeace Mediterranean



Additional resources including client list and client testimonials are available at:  
<http://www.easyprojects.net/clients.asp>



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## Pricing & Requirements

Easy Projects .NET licensing and pricing is based on the total number of active user accounts.

With the in-house option, perpetual licenses can be obtained for a one-time fee and Easy Projects .NET is installed on the customer's server.

Alternatively, with the hosted option, payment is made on a pay-as-you-go basis and all accounts are installed on Easy Projects .NET's web-server.

### Pricing

**In-house:** \$190/user or less (volume discounts available)

**Hosted:** \$24<sup>99</sup>/user per month or less (volume discounts available)



Detailed plans and pricing information can be found at:

<http://www.easyprojects.net/Plans/>

### System Requirements

**In-house:** RAM: A minimum of 2 GB (4 GB recommended)

Operating System: XP Pro / Windows 2003 / Windows Vista / Windows 2008 / Windows 7

Web-server: IIS 6.0 or higher

Database: MS SQL Server 2005/2008 or MS SQL Server 2005/2008 Express

Other: .NET Framework 3.5, Internet Explorer or Firefox (PC and Mac)

**Hosted:** Internet Explorer or Firefox Browser (PC and Mac)



A full list of system requirements can be found at:

<http://www.easyprojects.net/requirements.asp>



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## Useful Links

### Product Information

**Official Website:** <http://www.easyprojects.net/>

**Online Trial:** <http://www.easyprojects.net/onlinetrial.asp>

**Quick Tour:** <http://www.easyprojects.net/QuickTour/>

**5-minute Video Demo:** <http://www.easyprojects.net/Demo>

**Video Tutorials:** <http://www.easyprojects.net/tutorials.asp>

### Social Media Profiles

**Official Blog:** <http://www.easyprojects.net/blog/>

**Twitter:** <http://www.twitter.com/easyprojectsnet>

**LinkedIn Group:** <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2441550>

**YouTube Profile:** <http://www.youtube.com/easyprojectsnet>

**Vimeo Profile:** <http://vimeo.com/user2068809>

### Press Resources

**Social Media Press Release:** <http://www.easyprojects.net/press/>



## Quick Start Guide

After logging into Easy Projects .NET with your provided credentials, you will be presented with the **Home** screen. Each Home screen layout comes with its own set of shortcuts. You can change your Home screen layout based on your role: Executive, Project Manager, Customer, Employee.



Notice the Quick Action Panel on the left. Open it to access a list of shortcuts for the most used functions of Easy Projects .NET.

The screenshot shows the Easy Projects .NET Home page. At the top, there is a user profile section with 'Welcome, administrator' and a 'Logout' button. The version information '6.2.2 release rev.:7602, DB:6.2.1.14' and the 'easyprojects.net' logo are also visible. A navigation menu includes 'Projects & Tasks', 'Tools', 'Time logs', 'Reports', 'Options', 'Administration', and 'Help'. The main content area is titled 'Home page' and features a 'Layout: Executive' dropdown. Below this, there are five shortcut icons: 'Summary dashboard', 'Team schedule / Gantt chart', 'Project list', 'Add new request', and 'Custom reports'. A tooltip for 'Custom reports' indicates 'Click to show list of custom reports'. The footer contains the copyright notice '© 2003-2009 Copyright Logic Software Inc.'

Easy Projects .NET features multilingual support for English, French, German and Russian. You can change your preferred language in the top right corner.

Use the main menu to open your list of projects by navigating to **Projects & Tasks** and selecting **Projects** from the drop-down menu.

Alternatively, you can go straight to the project activity list by clicking on **All Activities** in the drop-down menu.

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The project and activity list screen gives you an overview of all of your projects and tasks including additional information such as task due dates, assignees, hours and timeliness. This table view can be customized to display specific data columns by clicking **Customize** (right above the table).



When you mouse over a row and it turns orange, that means you can open a shortcut menu. Simply left-click to see the list of available commands.

Create a new activity | Import activities | Batch operations

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Easy Projects .NET supports in-line editing. You can quickly change the basic details of an activity, without leaving the Activity list screen, by simply clicking **Quick Edit** in the shortcut menu.

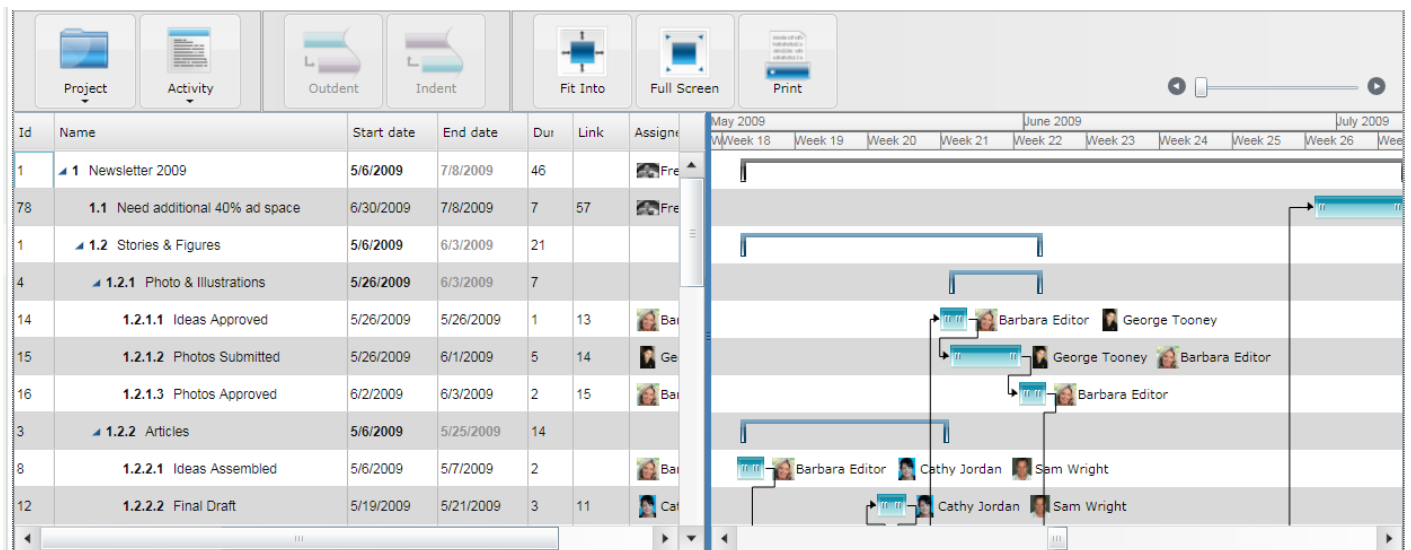
You can view additional activity and project details and make further changes through the **Activity/Project Details** screen, which you can access by clicking on the name of the activity or the project.

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You can also manage your activities on the fly through the Interactive Gantt Chart feature of Easy Projects .NET. To launch the Interactive Gantt Chart browse to **Projects & Tasks** in the main menu and select **Interactive Gantt** from the drop-down list.



This tool provides full support for drag-and-drop functionalities. All changes made using the Interactive Gantt are automatically saved.



To re-organize your activities, click and drag the Activity Id.

To change activity details such as name and dates, double click on a desired cell.

To change activity assignments, double click on the Assigned Members cell.

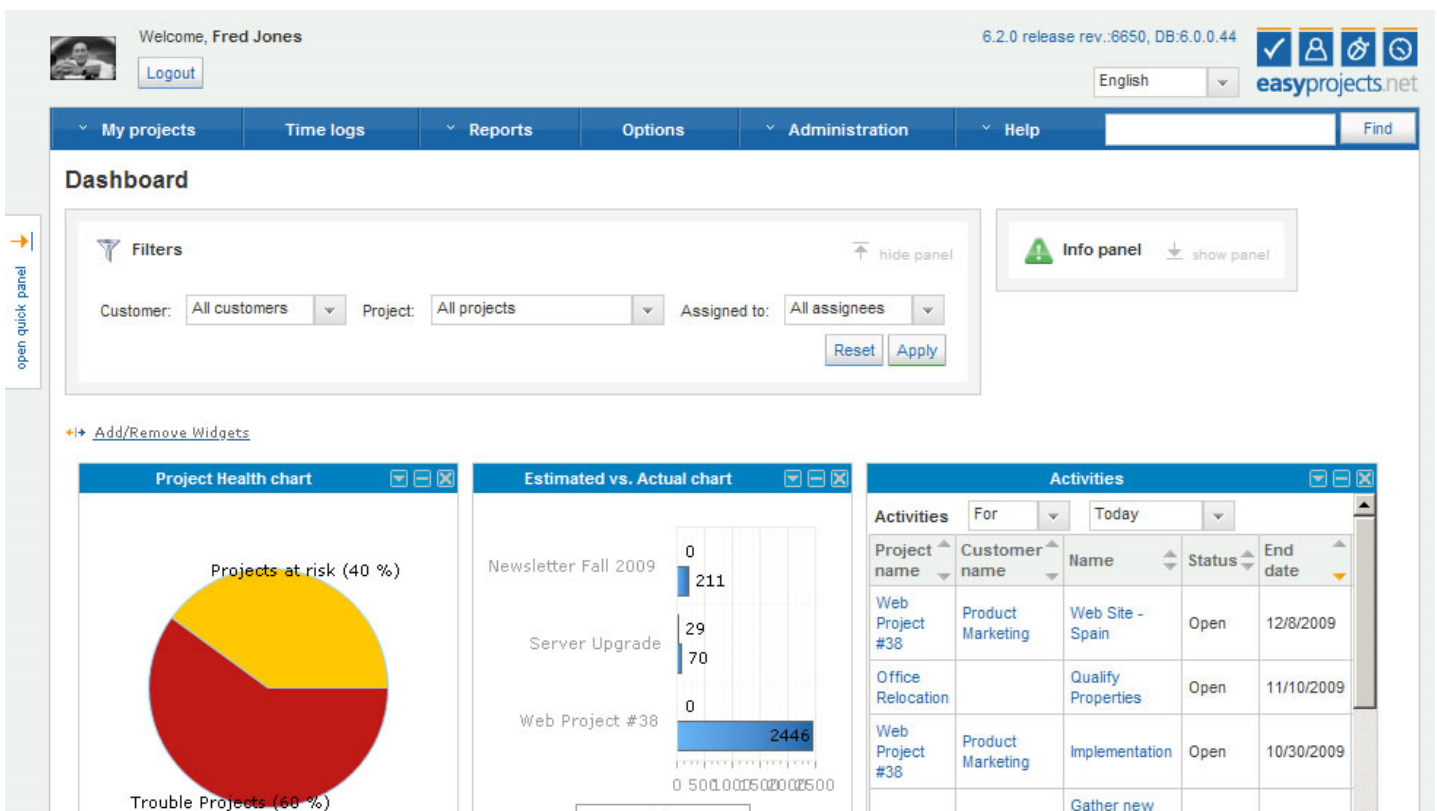
You can use the Gantt chart on the right hand side to set activity start/end dates and activity dependencies.

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The dashboard allows you to see all critical items for all projects at a glance. It gives you a complete summary overview of the scheduled tasks for this week or month, delayed tasks, overbudget tasks, open issues, open requests, recent messages and more. You can open the dashboard by selecting **Tools** from the main menu and clicking on **Dashboard**.



Dashboard widgets can be customized based on user preference. They can be re-ordered or resized using simple drag-and-drop functionality.



The screenshot shows the Easy Projects .NET dashboard for user Fred Jones. The interface includes a navigation menu with options like 'My projects', 'Time logs', 'Reports', 'Options', 'Administration', and 'Help'. The main dashboard area features a 'Filters' section with dropdown menus for 'Customer' (All customers), 'Project' (All projects), and 'Assigned to' (All assignees), along with 'Reset' and 'Apply' buttons. Below the filters are three widgets: a 'Project Health chart' showing a pie chart with 'Projects at risk (40%)' in yellow and 'Trouble Projects (60%)' in red; an 'Estimated vs. Actual chart' showing a bar chart for 'Newsletter Fall 2009' (211), 'Server Upgrade' (70), and 'Web Project #38' (2446); and an 'Activities' table listing tasks like 'Web Project #38' and 'Office Relocation'.

Project name	Customer name	Name	Status	End date
Web Project #38	Product Marketing	Web Site - Spain	Open	12/8/2009
Office Relocation		Qualify Properties	Open	11/10/2009
Web Project #38	Product Marketing	Implementation	Open	10/30/2009
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To familiarize yourself more with Easy Projects .NET features, visit:  
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## About Logic Software

Logic Software Inc. is the leading provider of project management and time tracking applications with headquarters in Toronto, Canada. Our products are used by customers in over 50 countries around the globe.

Some of the world's most successful companies have relied on Logic Software to complete their projects on time and within budget.

For more information about Logic Software and Easy Projects .NET please visit <http://www.easyprojects.net>



Product press releases, screenshots, logos, testimonials and other press resources:  
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