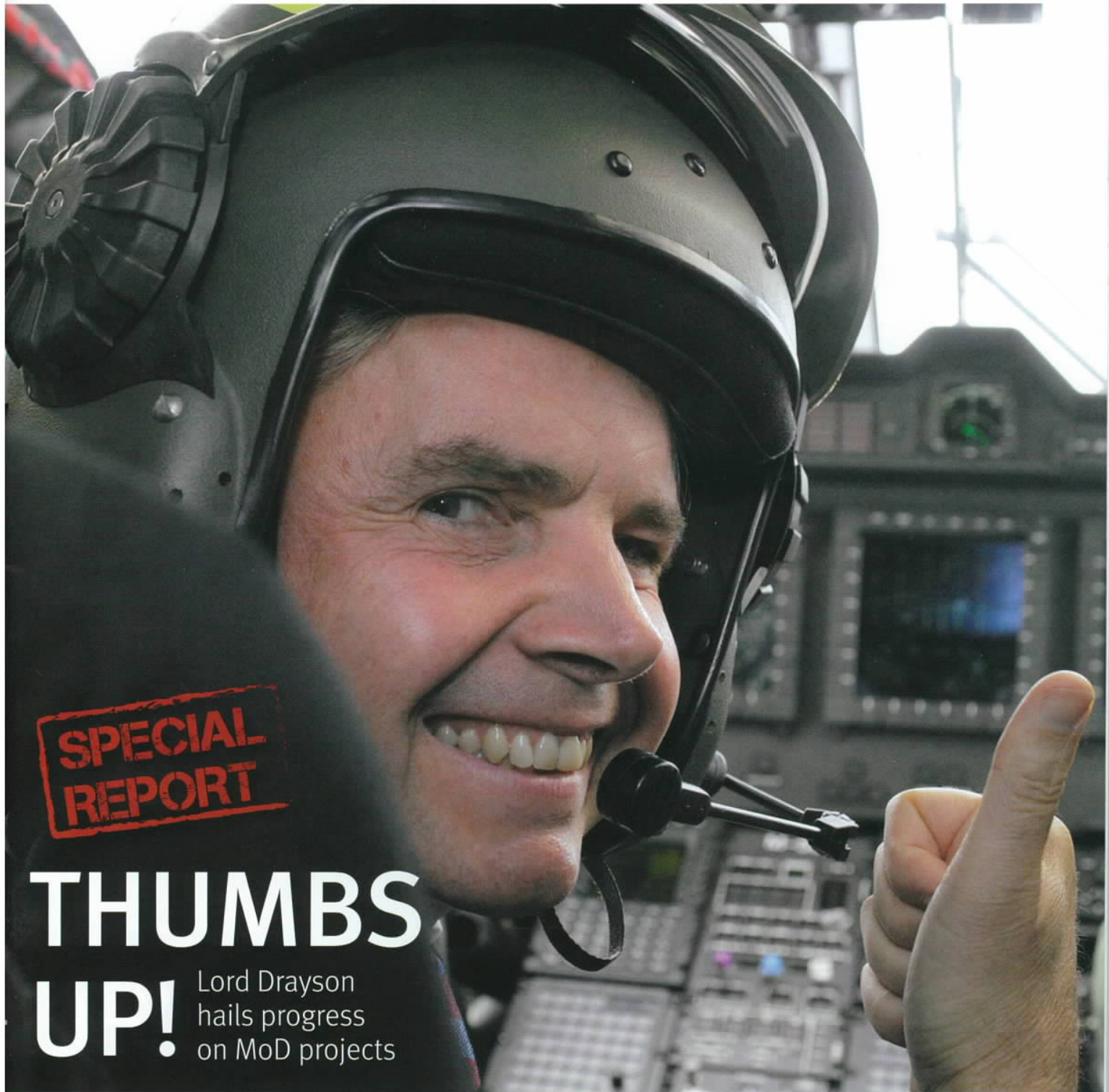


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Tried and tested

A closer look at the latest project management product releases – on show this month:
Microsoft Project 2010.

Microsoft says...

THERE is no such thing as a 'one size fits all' project and portfolio management solution. Microsoft Project 2010 is a collaborative work management solution for all types of work, from simple tasks to complex projects and programmes.

Project 2010 is the most significant release of Project in over a decade and delivers new innovative capabilities across the Microsoft Project family of products: Project Standard 2010, Project Professional 2010 and Project Server 2010.

What does it do?

Microsoft Project 2010 allows you to define, prioritise, schedule, track and optimise the tasks and resources required to plan and complete a project. It also allows you to manage and optimise your entire portfolio of projects including the capability to carry out 'what if' analysis to ensure

maximised resource efficiency.

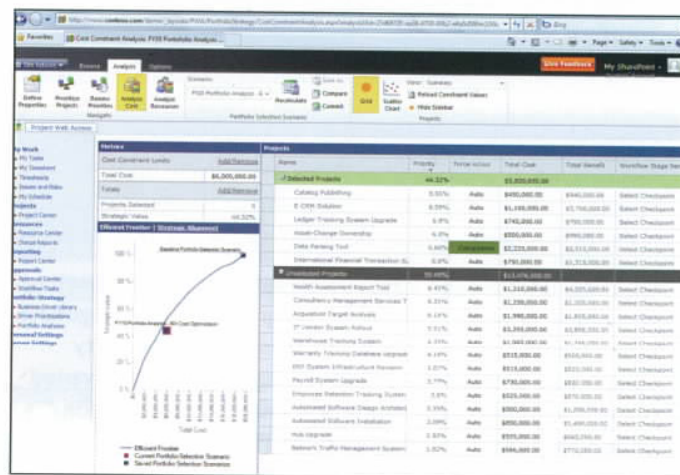
2010 also integrates with familiar Microsoft technologies such as Microsoft Exchange Server, Microsoft Office Outlook, Microsoft SharePoint, Microsoft Visual Studio Team Foundation Server, and Microsoft Dynamics AX and SL, providing powerful work management capabilities delivered through familiar and connected tools.

What are the key benefits?

It is now even easier to use and get started.

Based on the widely used desktop scheduling tool, 2010 offers a familiar user interface based on the 'look and feel' of other Microsoft Office products, whether used as a browser or desktop.

Simplified scheduling helps project managers, occasional and professional, build simple and complex schedules. In addition users can easily copy and paste information to and from Microsoft



Office applications.

2010 also features a host of new features including an Excel-like working experience, Timeline view and Team Planner.

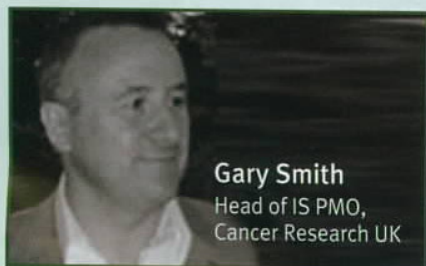
Other benefits include enhanced control and accountability; improved visibility by capturing project and non-project work in a central location, and standardised

data collection and business case development.

Small teams can connect without Project Server by leveraging Project Professional and SharePoint Foundation 2010 synchronisation.

Team members can receive and respond to tasks through integration with Outlook, Outlook web access or mobile phone.

Your say



Gary Smith
 Head of IS PMO,
 Cancer Research UK

Gary Smith, head of IS PMO, Cancer Research UK (CRUK), says the charity decided to install Microsoft Project 2010 at the beginning of the year after looking to upgrade to its current Project Server 2003.

Working closely with Microsoft Gold partner Corporate Project Solutions (CPS), CRUK's main requirements included a central project repository, SharePoint sites for collaboration and a SharePoint Server for dashboards and reporting.

"The CRUK team has been really impressed with the quality of the new release.

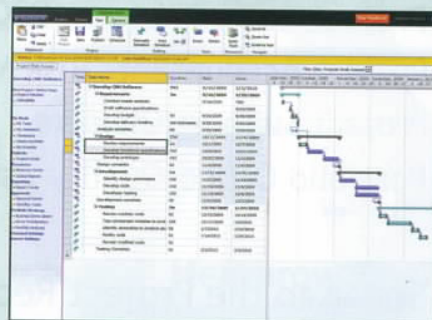
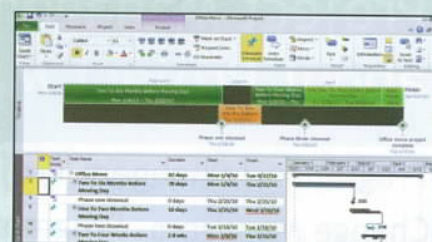
The introduction of the ribbon and 'Excel-like' interface has simplified the user experience, providing the team with familiar features, allowing us to get up and running quickly.

This improvement has made Project 2010 a more flexible business tool as it can capture, analyse and report information at the touch of a button thanks to the unified project and portfolio management approach.

Another big plus for us has been the integration with SharePoint which has enhanced the reporting functionality, offering us easy to create, templated dashboards which we can customise through Excel Services.

All reports can be viewed on screen individually, printed or combined on a single screen to make interactive dashboards. This reporting flexibility has allowed CRUK to present relevant information to the right users in a very clear format.

We have just started working with the Microsoft Office 2010 launch team to



pilot the integration of Visio 2010 into our Project 2010 proof of concept. The aim is to provide further, more powerful business intelligence for the project team."