

CA Project & Portfolio Manager - Financial Management



At a Glance

CA Project & Portfolio Manager (CA PPM) provides a comprehensive solution for strategic portfolio management, helping businesses to better plan and deliver on strategic vision while achieving greatest ROI. Companies are able to review financial performance on an ongoing basis and make trade-off decisions when necessary to seize new opportunities or overcome competitive threats.

CA PPM provides valuable management insights including project financial forecasts, performance against budget and KPIs such as ROI, NPV, IRR and Payback Period. Comprehensive reporting provides detailed analysis for CAPEX, OPEX and spend categories such as hardware, software and labor.

Key Benefits/Results

Strategic planning. Deliver strategic vision by funding initiatives in alignment of strategy.

Portfolio performance. Measure performance by comparing business commitments.

Course correction. Provide forecasts in real-time to predict when projects are off track.

Optimize budgets to drive business outcomes. Compare budget to actual by project, program and portfolio.

Key Features

Management insights. Comprehensive financial reporting.

Budgeting and forecasting. Summary or detail level, including labor, expenses, materials and equipment categories. Automatically generate financial forecasts based on resource plans.

CAPEX vs. OPEX reporting. Capitalize for software development.

Portfolio financial performance. Report budget to actual performance by strategy, business unit or other organization levels.

Multi-currency support. Support multiple currencies and exchange rates.

Flexible labor rate matrix. Define date sensitive rates by role, resource, project, transaction class, charge code or combination.

Audit trail. Provide full audit trail of transactions by fiscal period.

Integrations. Connect to accounting and purchasing systems for expense, material, labor and equipment transactions.

Business Challenges

Many organizations struggle to fund the right investments because they lack insight into the true costs and benefits of proposals for funding. The end result is the funding of poorly aligned initiatives with unclear returns on corporate investment—often influenced by internal politics. Customers struggle to bring enough science to the process to ensure that clear justifications are in place for the work being funded. Business challenges include:

- How do we leverage the existing body of knowledge around portfolio management to arrive at a thoughtful and reasonable asset allocation for our company based on our stated strategic goals and objectives?
- Once we know how we want to allocate our funds, how do we ensure that all investment proposals provide consistent financial metrics that enable fact-based comparisons of funding choices?
- How do we account for and compare non-financial metrics for investments that return non-financial benefits?
- How do we get a clear line of sight into how our approved investments align with our corporate strategies and insure that they are progressing toward their clearly defined justification?

Solution Overview

CA PPM provides the most comprehensive set of tools and analytics to enable true investment planning for application, product or project based investments. Whether you need to rationalize your application portfolio to eliminate redundant applications, choose the right mix of products to support or select the right mix of projects to support corporate strategies, CA PPM is the right choice. With a strong connection to the actual work in progress, portfolio managers can always track the original business case to the actual execution results. The solution is as much about execution and course correction as it is about initial selection. And with the strong focus on budgets, forecasts and actual costs, investment metrics are always accurate and up to date, ensuring that portfolio managers always have the facts to enable the right decisions—whether they're planning their annual funding allocation or making vital mid-course corrections.

Critical Differentiators

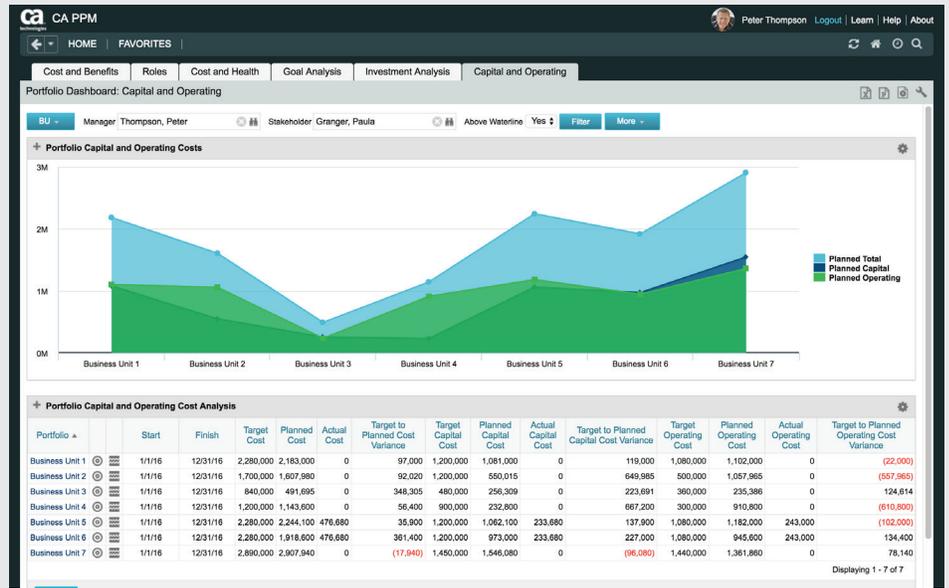
Real portfolio management. Portfolio managers can analyze budgets and corresponding investment metrics such as CAPEX/OPEX, ROI and NPV to objectively select the right investments for their portfolio.

Scenario-based ranking and waterlines. Define ranking rules, options for prioritizing investments and identify not just the limiting financial or resource constraints (such as CAPEX limits) but also positive targets (such as revenue goals) to enable fact-based suggestions on where to draw the line on investments to be funded or rejected.

Trust the data/trust the forecasts. Real-time actual costs, including both internal and subcontractor labor costs, are managed via a ledger-grade transaction system that helps project managers and PMOs maintain comprehensive project forecasts and track cost overruns that may impact the investment profile and overall ROI of the portfolio of investments.

Management insights. Generate actionable management and operational reports to understand where your money is being spent. Quickly identify potential cost overruns and other financial issues, from access to financial information, cost allocation, time and expense capture and accurate billing.

Financial Management helps manage the IT and business investment strategy.



Related Products/Solutions

CA Agile Central. Understand how investments, funding and resources are being managed across traditional and agile projects in order to properly finance current and future resources required to develop solutions and products in any methodology.

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