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Pricing is one of the most important factors in choosing any software, especially a project management solution.

Some vendors provide transparent pricing information on their websites, while others prefer to provide a specialized quote, as companies' requirements for software can vary.

We've developed this comprehensive guide to detail pricing types, additional costs a company needs to consider and pricing examples from well-known project management software vendors.

## What Is Project Management Software?

[Project management software](#) helps businesses keep track of their tasks and projects from start to finish. The types of project management software range from simple task-tracking tools to complex project and portfolio management (PPM) solutions. Common features include task management, resource management, Gantt charts, budget and expense management, time tracking and collaboration.

## Project Management Pricing Models

Project management software vendors use two popular pricing models: subscription hosting plans (cloud) and perpetual licensing (on-premise). Here's a look at each:



**Subscription plans** – When the vendor hosts the software on their servers (also known as Software-as-a-Service), the company typically



pays a monthly or annual subscription fee. This is beneficial for companies that don't want to host and maintain their data. The standard pricing structure is per user, per month, which is usually based on the number of employees who access the software. Most project management vendors offer scalable subscription plans that are based on the number of users and the types of features included in each plan.

Some subscription plans are pay-as-you-go (no contracts required) and can be canceled anytime, while others may require a contract.



**Perpetual licensing** – With perpetual licensing, the company hosts the data on its own servers, so it only needs to pay for the software upfront. It may also pay a recurring (e.g., annual) cost to the vendor for support or product upgrades. Perpetual licensing may be an attractive option for businesses who are concerned with data security or have complex needs (e.g., large organizations).

The perpetual licensing fee varies based on the number of users.

## Additional Costs to Consider

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Many services are included in the original subscription or licensing price. However, some vendors may provide others at additional costs, so companies will need to take that into consideration.



**Implementation** – Prices of implementation services vary by vendor and can include access to a dedicated implementation specialist, installation, software customization, data migration and integration to other software (e.g., ERP or CRM systems).



**Training** – Some vendors include basic training services for free, but others may offer them at an additional cost, especially if the training is done at the client's site.



**Support** – Basic support (e.g., knowledge base, email support) is typically included in the price. However, some vendors offer plans that include advanced support, such as priority support or access to a dedicated customer service manager.

## Project Management Vendor Pricing

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Below, we've compared pricing for popular project management software. Some vendors in the market don't publicly provide pricing details, so you'll need to contact them directly for a quote.

**Asana** – Asana has a free plan for teams with up to 15 users that offers basic dashboards and search functionality, as well as unlimited tasks, projects and conversations. Organizations that want more features, customization and security can choose from one of Asana's paid plans: Premium, Business or Enterprise. Premium starts at \$10.99 per user, per month (billed annually), while Business costs \$24.99 per user, per month. Pricing for the Enterprise plan is not publicly available, so you'll have to contact Asana for a quote.

For more information on the features of each plan, check out our [Asana pricing post](#).

**Basecamp** – Basecamp has an [all-inclusive pricing of \\$99 per month](#) for unlimited people and projects, support, training, security and 99.99% uptime.

**Celoxis** – Celoxis has monthly, biannual or annual billing. Its annual billing starts at \$22.50 per user, per month. If the company wants to purchase a perpetual license, the price is \$450 per user. There's a five-user minimum to purchase the software regardless of deployment. Celoxis also offers three optional training packages: Essentials (\$900), Enhanced (\$2,699) and Comprehensive (\$3,999).

**Easy Projects** – This hosted solution comes in two pricing packages: Team and Enterprise. The Team plan costs \$24 per user, per month (billed annually) and includes 100 GB of storage space, unlimited project and task tracking, and native mobile apps. The Enterprise plan (pricing only available by quote) has additional features, such as 1 TB of storage, unlimited portfolios and advanced security.

**FunctionFox** – FunctionFox is available in three tiers: Classic for basic timesheet and project tracking (\$35 for first user, plus \$5 per user, per month), Premier for advanced project management (\$50 per month for first user, plus \$10 per user, per month) and In-House for internal creative teams (\$150 per month for first user, plus \$20 per user, per month).

**GanttPRO** – GanttPRO offers Individual and Team plans. Individual plan costs \$15 per user per month (billed annually) and is available for single users. It includes custom templates, unlimited projects, resource management and other robust features.



The Team plan is available for teams with at least five users and costs \$8.90 per user per month (billed annually). GanttPRO offers an Enterprise solution for companies that want to add more users to their team. Please contact them for a quote.

**Jira** – Companies looking for cloud-based deployment and that have a small team of up to 10 users can take advantage of the free plan, which includes basic features, up to 2 GB file storage and community support. For larger teams (11 to 100 users), Jira offers two pricing tiers: Standard (\$7 per user, per month) and Premium (\$14 per user, per month). The Standard plan accommodates up to 10,000 users, has unlimited single project automation and has a 250 GB file storage space. The Premium plan includes additional features, such as audit logs, unlimited storage and 24/7 premium support.

For on-premise deployment, there is the Data Center annual licensing plan that varies based on the number of users. Check out our [Jira pricing post for specific examples](#).

**KPI Fire** – KPI Fire offers three pricing plans based on the type of solution the client is looking for. The Project Manager plan costs \$20 per month for a minimum of 50 users. It includes features such as 100 GB of storage, tracking of unlimited projects and tasks, and linking of projects to goals and KPIs. The Strategy Manager plan costs \$30 per month for a minimum of 50 users and has 1 TB of storage, unlimited KPI dashboards and real-time data tracking. The Enterprise Strategy Management plan includes companywide access to the software and integration to third-party applications. Companies interested in this plan should contact KPI Fire for a quote.

**LiquidPlanner**– LiquidPlanner has two pricing plans: Professional and Enterprise. Each plan is billed annually and requires a minimum of five users. The Professional plan starts at \$45 per user, per month, while the Enterprise plan requires a custom quote.

**Mavenlink** – This solution has four pricing plans named Teams, Professional, Premier and Enterprise. Mavenlink no longer displays its pricing information, so please contact the vendor for a customized quote.

For more information on each plan's features, check out our [Mavenlink pricing post](#).

**MindGenius** – MindGenius is available as a perpetual license or a subscription license. The perpetual license costs \$256, while the subscription license costs \$160 for the first year, plus an annual fee of \$56 for the second year and beyond.

**Monday** – Monday has four pricing plans: Basic, Standard, Pro and Enterprise. Pricing is based off of the number of users, and companies are billed annually. The Basic plan costs \$39 per month for five users, the Standard plan is priced at \$49 for five users, and the Pro plan costs \$79 per month for five users. Finally, the Enterprise plan requires a price quote from the vendor. Specific features listed in each plan can be found in our [Monday pricing post](#).

**Podio** – Podio has a free account for up to five users that include task management and apps. It also boasts four pricing plans. The Basic plan costs \$9 per user, per month and covers task management and unlimited external users. The Plus plan is priced at \$14 per user, per month and includes automated workflows and the ability to set read-only access. The Premium plan costs \$24 per user, per month and adds on advanced workflow features and an interactive sales dashboard. Finally, the Enterprise plan includes encrypted file sharing and priority support. Pricing for this plan is not available, so please contact the vendor for a quote.

**Project Insight** – This solution has a free plan for small teams that includes basic features such as task management, collaboration and portfolio management. Then, there is the Grow as You Go plan that's intended for smaller teams that only need specific features that's not included in the free plan. Each add-on costs \$3 per user,



per month and if more than 12 add-ons are purchased, the plan automatically upgrades to the Enterprise plan. The Enterprise plan starts at \$45 per user, per month and includes notification customization, advanced capacity planning, cross-project dependencies and a dedicated success manager.

**Smartsheet** – Smartsheet has four pricing plans, namely Individual (\$14 per month), Business (\$25 per user, per month), Enterprise and Premier (contact vendor for a quote for both). We've detailed the features for each plan in our [Smartsheet pricing post](#).

**Trello** – Trello is mainly a free platform that provides an unlimited number of boards, lists and cards. However, [it also has two paid plans](#): Trello Business Class and Trello Enterprise. Trello Business Class is \$9.99 per user, per month (if paid annually). Costs for the Enterprise plan are tiered and vary based on the number of users, so please contact the vendor for a quote.

**WorkOtter** – WorkOtter has three scalable pricing plans: Time/Status (\$10 per user, per month), Team (\$20 per user, per month) and Manager (\$35 per user, per month). The Time/Status plan targets individual users and includes timesheets, as well as the ability to send notes to other users and adjust project completion estimates. The Team plan adds on the My Home dashboard, expense management and chat functionality. The Manager plan, intended for project managers and executives, includes resource management, workflow management and project and portfolio management.

**Wrike** – This solution has a free version for up to five users that includes Wrike's basic features, such as a real-time news feed, file sharing and mobile apps. In addition, there are four paid versions. The Professional version starts at \$9.80 per user, per month and the Business version costs \$24.80 per user, per month. Pricing for the Enterprise and Wrike for Marketers versions are not available, so please contact the vendor directly for a quote. We've listed the features that are available in each plan in our [Wrike pricing post](#).

**Zoho Projects** – Zoho Projects offers one free and four paid plans. The free plan includes a two active

projects and 10 MB of storage for up to three users. The Standard plan costs \$3 per user, per month for six to 10 users, and includes 5 GB of storage and up to 10 active projects. The Express plan, which is \$4 per user, per month for 12 to 50 users, has 20 GB of storage and accommodates unlimited active projects.

The Premium plan costs \$5 per user, per month for 15 to 100 users and has 100 GB of storage, and the Enterprise plan is priced at \$6 per user, per month for companies with more than 20 users and has 120 GB of storage.

## Bottom Line

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Most of the vendors we've highlighted deploy scalable pricing tiers that offer specific features using the per-user, per-month strategy. Several vendors include free plans for small teams that only need basic features, while others provide free trials as a way for companies to test the software.

The key is to figure out the specifics of your projects, what features are must-haves versus nice-to-haves, and the number of users who will access the software. And don't forget to factor in any additional costs.

If you'd like more information on project management software or want to compare different solutions, check out our [definitive guide](#) and [our reviews of over 35 vendors](#).