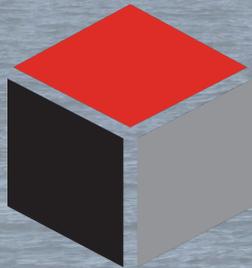


PROJECT TRACKER



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Case Study – Jam Solutions

Jam uses Project Tracker to produce Cost, Resource and schedule S Curves for remote clients.



Summary

Founded in New Plymouth, New Zealand in 2007.

With clients ranging from the Oil & Gas and engineering industries to the agricultural sector, Jam Solutions has a proven track record within New Zealand and beyond as the go-to planners for all planning requirements:

- Shutdowns & turnarounds
- Major projects
- Integrated planning
- Maintenance planning
- Continuous survey planning
- Writing planning procedures

Jam have also established a nationwide shutdown & turnaround plan, to keep New Zealand major industries informed and enable them to coordinate timing of resource availability, maximizing efficiency.



When Dave Smith moved to New Zealand from Aberdeen Scotland, he saw an opportunity to give a more specialised service for scheduling, that wasn't currently on offer.

Jam Solutions was formed in 2007 and the journey began.

Focussing primarily on Turnarounds and Major projects, ranging from Platform refurbishment to Drilling programs, one of Jam's major reporting solutions to clients is the production of S Curves reports tailored to client needs. This enables them to accurately monitor progress in terms of cost, schedule, resources or activities

For project planning software, Jam primarily use Primavera P6 and Microsoft Project. To create S Curve reports from these applications is time consuming and involves advanced knowledge of the software and then exporting data to Excel.

The charts are then created in Excel but as Dave says, "This was very time consuming and depending on the size of the project, very glitchy".

"The challenge for us was getting the reports out quick enough for our clients to review so they could mitigate any slippage. They predominantly ask for standard S Curves with a forecast curve"



Saving you time and effort with one click create Earned Value and S Curves from Primavera P6, Microsoft Project or Asta

As typical Oil and Gas turnaround projects involve a complex and large number of activities over a short period of time, regular reporting is a must. Traditional methods of creating S Curve reports meant that it was difficult to get reports out quickly enough for clients to review and mitigate any slippage.

Dave purchased licenses of Project Tracker over a number of years for his Planners to improve S Curve reporting. Project Tracker is developed by Willmer Limited and produces S Curves with one click from P6, Microsoft Project and Asta Powerproject.

“Project Tracker is very affordable and our investment was paid back almost immediately”

S Curves can be based on cost, resource or activity progress (which doesn't require resources to be added to the schedule).

Clear, concise reports are easy to produce and include full earned value management data including SPI and CPI.

One of the main benefits of Project Tracker is the ability to produce S Curves at any level of WBS or by activity code.

Additionally, dashboard reports, schedule quality and milestone trend reports are available.

“We mainly use the S Curve report and the WBS filter. This filter used with the Add View function, allows us to batch print our reports. We also use the Codes section, this enables us to run specific reports for work that we have singled out in the schedules.”

Dave says “S Curves are created for all major works/workstreams for our projects. Visually, our clients like the clean lines of the reports and technically, they like the accuracy and efficiency of the report we issue.”

It's fast and easy. We can create a suite of report really quickly for our clients which gives us more time to analyse the reports to control trends”

“Once the updated files have been imported we can have our report ready in minutes, before we'd be tweaking Excel for over an hour, sometimes longer”.

Jam have been really happy with the support from Willmer.

We like that we have direct access to the developers which makes it

easy for us to ask more detailed questions about the functionality of the program. We contact the

guys when we have specific queries or requests and we get quick efficient responses. They

understand the challenges we have with schedules and Clients and this helps them support us”.

Andrew Willard, Director of Willmer Limited says “It has been a pleasure to work with Jam Solutions. They have been a loyal customer and have offered many suggestions on improving Project Tracker that have been included in new releases. It is very rewarding to the team here that Project Tracker is really helping companies meet the needs of their clients”.

More information of Project Tracker, including a Free Trial can be found at www.willmer.co.uk.

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