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Administration Training Case Study

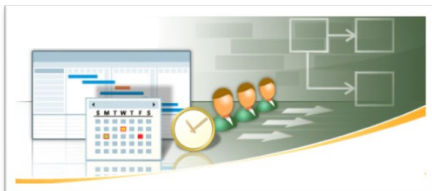
PM Providers

Driving Results with Project Management Solutions

Project Server and SharePoint provide integrated project collaboration, scheduling, resource planning, and portfolio analysis capabilities.

Project Server integrates Microsoft Project Professional, Project Web App (PWA), and Microsoft Office applications like Outlook, Word, Excel, and others to create a seamless environment for managing schedules, documents, tasks, and other project and portfolio information.

The Microsoft Business Intelligence Center delivers reports, analytics, KPI's, scorecards, and other project portfolio metrics across the enterprise.



About The United States Marine Corps

Missions have changed over the years, but what has remained constant since November 10, 1775 is the US Marine Corps unyielding commitment to protecting the lives of our citizens and the interests of our nation. Our purpose, by congressional mandate, is to be this nation's rapid response force; we are thus called to be "most ready when the nation is least ready." From humanitarian relief efforts to combat operations; from air, land and sea to every clime and place, the Marine Corps is ready to answer our nation's call.

The Business Challenge

The US Marine Corps Information Technology group wanted Administration and Implementation training/expertise on Microsoft Project Server 2010. The team had deployed an on premise installation and planned on using the product to manage technology projects however their expertise in Microsoft Project Server and SharePoint was self taught. This challenge also was complicated by the fact that individuals within the Project team were moving to other positions in the organization and their knowledge was now a deficit to the implementation team. The training center that the team was allocated to use, also did not have access to their Project Server system, nor did it have Internet access to any outside networks.

Finally, the US Marine Corps team and other key stakeholders had little visibility into the current state of all projects and only limited methods such as email for reviewing project details and understanding key initiatives.

The Solution

PM Providers engaged with the US Marine Corp to provide a two day Administration Training session in July 2013. PM Providers worked with their strategic partner BeMo and provided a training session that would access a BeMo hosted Project Server site, including content (projects,

resources, and a sample configuration), for each training attendee for a full thirty day window including the training and post training timeframes. Also as part of the training PM Providers needed to provide Internet access to all attendee computers and their respective BeMo Project Server sites. This was completed using a Verizon 4G Jetpack that allowed ten computers Internet access throughout the session and worked without incident for up to 8 hours per day. PM Providers delivered training in Microsoft Project Server, SharePoint, Microsoft Project, and Systems Administrators training using PM Providers' 'Made Easy' Training Series. The system contained Project Sites, Project Schedules, and Portfolio's to more effectively display the functionality for multi project, portfolio analysis, project documentation and other information for a complete educational sample of the possibilities within the Microsoft Project Server solution.

The system configuration included:

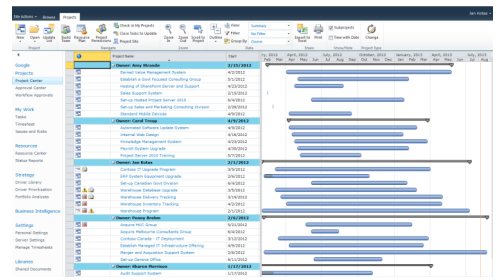
- ◆ BeMo Hosted SharePoint and Project Server 2010 Environment
- ◆ BeMo Content Pack that provided a sample Configuration, Data, and a basis for Administration discussions and analysis

The Results

The United States Marine Corps is now utilizing their Project Server 2010 environment to maintain consistent and easily access to their projects. SharePoint's Search capabilities allow the staff to quickly and easily find the mission-critical documentation, application data, and other information their looking for. Project activities and resources are now being tracked to specific projects to enable improved reporting and accountability.

IT also plans to engage PM Providers to assist them with on going Project Server management and provide their team with additional implementation support to leverage additional requests and administration needs.

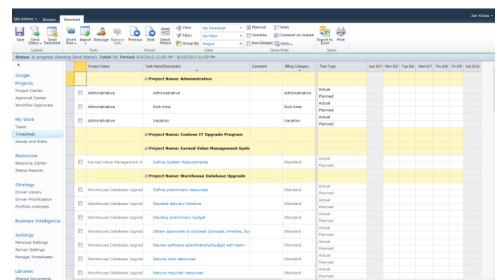
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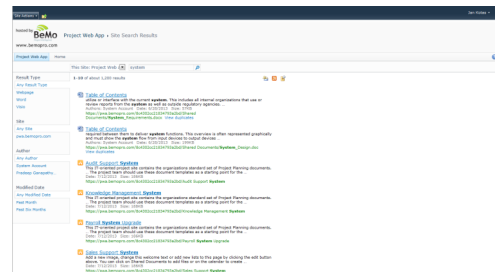
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