



Planning and Prioritization

Sentient Portfolio Program Management

What does it do?

Sentient PPM **Planning and Prioritization** supports effective planning and budgeting across your portfolios and programs of work. It brings together crucial business and financial information into simple visual formats. This helps simplify and also provides structure to your planning and budgeting processes.

Throughout the year as the plan is delivered you can change your priorities quickly and objectively, helping your organization to effectively adjust to the changing business environment. Whether you have to cut or increase budget, cancel or add initiatives to your portfolios – you always have a clear and objective picture to guide decisions.



How will it help my organization?

The headache around yearly planning and budgeting processes is a problem for most organizations. Sentient PPM structures this process and reduces the time and effort spent, making the process transparent and easy to manage.

Planning and Prioritization also allows you to model different budgeting scenarios, providing valuable insight into your initiatives and their costs and business value. This will help you to easily determine which projects to invest your valuable resources in. The Workplan then provides the foundation for ongoing monitoring of your portfolios, so that you can make faster, more informed decisions as your portfolios change.

Organizational Challenges

- ❖ Administrative burden during yearly planning and budgeting
- ❖ Difficulty in setting, communicating and adhering to enterprise-wide priorities
- ❖ Lack of control over workplan and budget adjustments during the year
- ❖ “Surprise” budget variances discovered too late

Key benefits:

Get the real picture – Consolidate all your portfolio(s) financial information in one simple view. The complete picture for planning and ensuring portfolios are strategically aligned, balanced and within budget.

Plan and execute – Draft and model your Workplan, getting buy-in and start executing it as quickly as possible.

Prioritize – Accurately choose and prioritize initiatives that will deliver the most value to your organization.

Accountability – Full visibility of the budget and timelines mean your people become more accountable for the decisions they make.

Alignment – Keep everyone automatically up-to-date with the organizational priorities as they change.

Control and understanding – Monitor and control your different portfolio budgets against a set baseline.



How does it work?

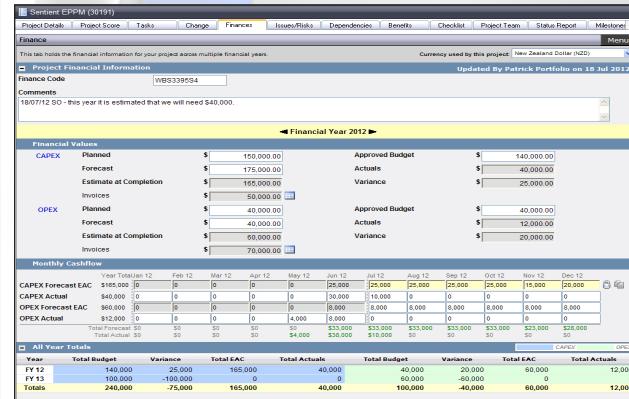
Sentient PPM enables effective planning and budgeting across your different portfolio(s) of work – from long term planning through to annual and quarterly planning.

- 1. Collect initiative information** – Capture the wealth of ideas from across your organization. Then objectively compare and assess these initiatives based on your own critical success criteria and weightings. This information is then consolidated into the Workplan providing a centralized, visual snapshot of possible initiatives for any given financial year.

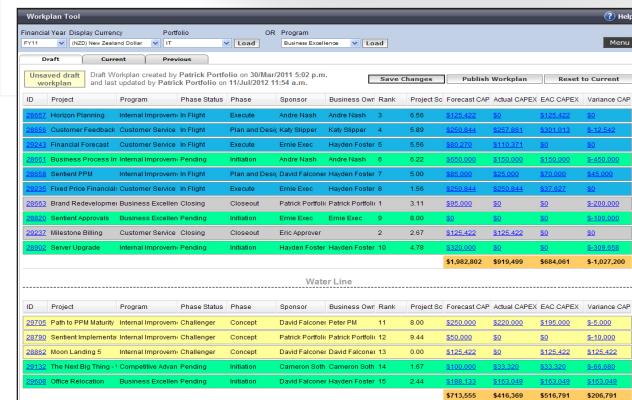
2. Plan and budget – Sentient PPM shows you all the key information about each initiative, so you can make fast and informed decisions. The Workplan uses ‘drag and drop’ functionality which allows you to model different scenarios. Right there in the board meeting you can move projects above and below the line, including or excluding them from your Workplan and see how it affects your budget baseline.

3. Prioritize and change priorities – Once the right mix of projects is confirmed the ‘drag and drop’ functionality allows you to set priorities. Following this the Workplan and associated priorities are published and communicated. Everyone in the organization has visibility of the work priorities and are updated as they change, meaning your whole organization is focussing their efforts on the mission critical items of work.

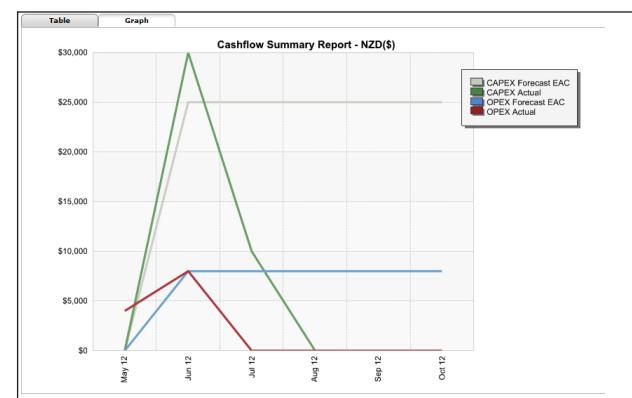
4. Monitor your Workplan and budget – Monitor execution of your Workplan and control variances from your budget baseline as programs and projects are delivered. Programs and projects that run into the next financial year are carried over automatically into the corresponding Workplan for planning amongst new initiatives.



Centralize program and project financial information



Model different scenarios in the Workplan and simply drill down to view further information



The cashflow report allows you to identify peaks and troughs

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