Solution brief

Connect Formal and Collaborative Projects to Bring Company Goals to Life

Do your company’s strategic goals center on innovation, the customer experience, digital transformation – all of the above and more? Delivering against these and management’s expectations requires different ways of working, and the tools to enable that work.

Different Types of Projects: Formal and Collaborative

While many kinds of work can be considered projects, projects themselves can differ greatly.

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<td>The formal project is the traditional approach to project work. These tend to follow prescribed practices and leverage process-oriented methods to ensure on-time and on-budget delivery. They may be well-documented and have resources assigned in advance; those more strategic in nature may even have steering committees.</td>
<td>Collaborative work and projects power much of today’s organizations; it’s the day-to-day business of how we function. It can be small tasks, ongoing team deliverables, and those “surprise” projects that are called into existence seemingly in minutes with team members pulled from every conceivable nook of the organization.</td>
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Both accomplish tasks to achieve deliverables, both generate value for the organization, but they look very different. They are happening in parallel in every organization; many people are performing both types at the same time without a second thought.

Your challenge: as you view your portfolio of projects and people, how can you ensure that across the spectrum of formal, collaborative, and unplanned projects, you have the resource capacity to meet your company’s objectives? And how do you ensure your resources are working on the highest priorities?

The Benefits are Real

This joint solution of Innotas for PPM and Projectplace for collaborative work gives you the power to:

- Have full visibility into your people and your projects
- Align resources to projects beyond the traditional team – even beyond your company
- Know that your people are focused on maximum-impact projects at all times
- Keep your project portfolio strategically aligned with company goals
- Effectively manage all your projects, formal and collaborative
A project portfolio management (PPM) solution like Innotas® gives you the ability to align your projects with strategy, and realign resources quickly when change happens. By prioritizing projects with a view into resources, you’re most of the way there. But there’s a crucial piece missing: collaborative work.

Projectplace® is integrated with Innotas, to provide the collaborative, virtual team experience the modern organization demands.

Collaborative Work

Achieving goals through collaborative work requires a fast, simple, and seamless way for project leaders and teams to:

- **Get aligned:** Plan work cross-functionally with all stakeholders
- **Create virtual teams quickly:** Select the right people for the work, no matter their location
- **Stay up to date:** See and work together on project plans and status
- **Eliminate email chaos:** Make it easy to communicate in the context of a project and securely share documents

Key Collaborative Work Management Features

Many collaborative projects don’t need a formal structure or methodology and are not led by a trained project manager. Projectplace streamlines and simplifies bringing teams together to achieve deliverables through:

**Kanban Boards.** Organize a workspace by visually representing your team’s work stream. Tasks are shown through cards that are moved from project start to finish.

- Everyone can see what’s happening, no matter their location
- Project managers can get a quick view of status
- Team members can easily talk to each other about tasks and projects to speed progress and resolve questions
- Dialogue is recorded within the project, for full transparency and helping onboard new team members – eliminating email chaos

**Project planning.** Ensure that goals are met by tying work items to deliverables.

As teams complete work on a Kanban board, progress is reflected in the connected Gantt chart, offering a real-time, visible progress report.

**Document Management.** Even short projects can create a lot of documents. Making the most recent material accessible securely is an important part of sustaining the momentum of a project.

Avoid the challenges of email. With version management and security, it’s easy to find, read, and share the latest document.

Use Kanban boards and cards to manage work and teams visually. Cards keep tasks moving and team members communicating.

Gantt charts break down project goals and deliverables into activities, and eliminate the need for additional progress.
Innotas + Projectplace: PPM and Work Collaboration for All Project Types and Resources

Bringing together these two cloud-based solutions delivers a comprehensive view of who’s doing what, when, and why across your entire portfolio of projects, and creates the agility you need to respond to change.

PMOs get visibility into resource capacity, receive project status updates automatically across solutions, and achieve a complete picture of the health of the portfolio of projects of formal and collaborative work.

Define project work in Innotas and synchronize it with Projectplace: all team members will understand what work needs to be accomplished across both systems and be empowered to work together to move it forward.

Everyone engaged in work of all kinds will be able to contribute more actively, communicate more immediately, and see the impact they are making.

Get Started Today!

Successfully delivering all types of projects that bring your company’s goals to life takes the skill and drive of all of your resources. You need the tools that will empower them to do their best work across all projects, formal and collaborative.

Are you ready to connect PPM and collaborative work management? Find out if the Innotas – Projectplace joint solution is right for your organization. Contact us at info@innotas.com, or visit Innotas.com/solutions-work-collaboration