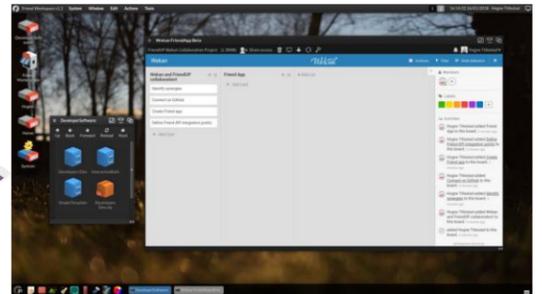
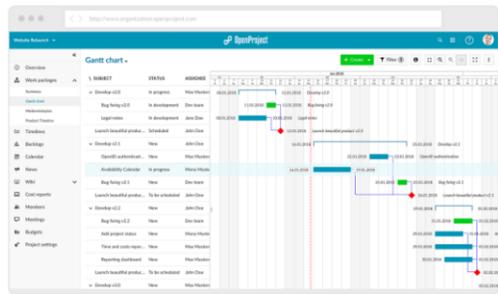




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"FIVE OPEN SOURCE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TOOLS" FOR YOUR BUSINESS & LEARNING MBA IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT "EXPERIENCE BEST OF OSS"



By: M.S.Yatnatti: Editor and Video Journalist Bengaluru: MBA in Project Management: One of the most popular specializations among current MBA students is project management. These students need to learn all management tools and training in using these software tools is very important. This multidisciplinary field delves into different tools, strategies and philosophies related to large-scale project leadership and coordination. Project managers are a growing presence in the modern workforce, and can be found in major corporations, small startups, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and the military. Many of today's students choose to earn their MBA in project management online or offline. These online programs follow the same rigorous curriculum as brick-and-mortar counterparts, leading to the same number of job opportunities for successful graduates. The asynchronous (or self-paced) schedule and convenient study-from-home format are also ideal for students with part-time jobs, childcare duties and other responsibilities that could possibly interfere with campus-based learning. Project management tools enable businesses to run their processes and tasks and activities which are planned to be completed within a predetermined time and budget allocated. A project is a list of detailed set of tasks which constitutes scope of the project as it has time period and budget. Problems arise in every organization. Such problems as what products/systems to develop, should capacity be expanded, or should a computer be purchased are just a few of an endless number of continuing problems about which management must concern itself if the firm is to survive. These problems and their alternative solutions establish some elements of change around which the organization must adapt. Projects are generally established to carry out these changes and someone is always responsible for each project's successful completion. Employing project management technologies minimizes the disruption of routine business activities in many cases by placing under a single command all of the skills, technologies, and resources needed to realize the project. The skills required depend on each specific project and the resources available at that time. The greater the amount of adjustments a parent organization must make to fulfill project objectives, the greater chance exists for project failure. The form of project management will be unique for every project endeavor and will change throughout the project. Project management is a challenging task with many complex responsibilities. Fortunately, there are many tools available to assist with accomplishing the tasks and executing the responsibilities. Some require a computer with supporting software, while others can be used manually. Project managers should choose a project management tool that best suits their management style. No one tool addresses all project management needs. Program Evaluation Review Technique (PERT) and Gantt Charts are two of the most commonly used project management tools and are described below. Both of these project management tools can be commercially available or OSS project management software. Project management tools continue to evolve in terms of capabilities and user interface. The general direction is toward more integrated process and knowledge management systems, and user interfaces with a "Web". Project management tools are gradually becoming integrated project information portals with capabilities far beyond simple project tracking and reporting. Project management tools have evolved from simple spreadsheet products to sophisticated, Web-based project information portals. The obvious trend in project management software, as with almost everything in information technology, is a move toward Web-based systems. Most project management tools can be accessed via browsers and those that do not currently have this capability are moving in that direction. One product that allows users to take non-Web-based project management tools and to then bring the data to a Web browser. These project management portals are becoming more common as the collaboration capabilities of project management tools improve.

Open Source Project Management Tools – Are you looking out for the best open source project management tool to ever crawl the surface of the earth? Well, in that case, you're in luck! Your search ends right here with this article. Here, we will look into the effective open source project management tools that can help your business and career and you achieve project excellence and proper planning and execution of any project undertaken. These tools are precisely open source project management tools and serve the vast majority of businesses, whether small scale or large scale and start-ups, freelancers, and more. After careful research and trials, let me bring to you the top 5 open source project management tools that come to you from the deepest realms of open source. Open source project management tools and software are computer software that has its source code available with proper licensing to the copyright holder, giving them complete rights to study, change, and adequately distribute these software among their circle for any purpose whatsoever. Open source software can be built individually or in a collaborative manner and can be uploaded to repositories, such as [GitHub](#), [BitBucket](#), etc., for modulation, alteration, and subsequent distribution, as deemed fit by the license holder. It is basically understood as a development model aimed at providing universal access to code/blueprints/design of particular software across the market. Let us now explore open source project management tools that businesses can use to customize it and which are currently used by many enterprises and large scale organizations. Whether you own a small business or you're just starting one, every dollar counts; finding free software to help you manage, communicate, collaborate and keep projects progressing smoothly isn't easy. We've taken some of the guesswork out of it with this list of 5 open-source project management tools that can help make lighter work of planning and managing your projects. Although most project management software providers offer additional advanced and robust features for an additional cost, these picks have free basic or community offerings with more than enough functionality for most projects. In fact, it should be mentioned that these solutions aren't just used by small start-ups, many of them are still being used by Fortune 500 companies today due to scalability, powerful features and versatility. If you are looking for open-source project management software, check these out and spend time researching and trying each of them to find the one that best meets your project needs.

Open project: official website : <https://www.openproject.org/> . Open Project 7.4 released. This is web based project management tool which is designed on ruby on rails and Anglar JS . The open project is usrging ahead in 2018. Another successful year, developing the best open source project management software, The enterprises are proud of a large number of achievements in 2017. Many great features have been developed, many design and usability improvements have been made, mobile user experience has been optimized, many bugs have been fixed, much has been reworked and technical improvements have been made, The website has been relaunched, Enterprise Edition has been enhanced, the OpenProject team has grown older – and wiser. New integrated online Gantt chart / timeline: One major achievement in 2017 is the release of the new integrated Gantt chart / timeline for OpenProject. The work package page now includes the option to activate a new integrated timeline view. You can easily create and manage a project timeline together with your team, update the start and due date by simply dragging and dropping elements in the timeline. The timeline can be saved in a query. The possibility of a full-width Gantt chart / timeline even makes project planning more transparent. The Gantt chart now also highlights the weekends (Saturday, Sunday) so users can easily see when to schedule phases or milestones. With the introduction of labels for the Gantt chart, the user can configure which information is shown directly in the Gantt chart. You can display up to three different attributes at the same time for each work package. Aside from the default work package attributes you can also show custom fields in the Gantt chart. This provides a lot of flexibility and allows you to display anything important for you, e.g. progress (in %) or the assignee, directly in the Gantt chart.

Project Libre: <https://www.projectlibre.com> . ProjectLibre was noted in CIO magazine: "The software is scalable from small business all the way up to Fortune 500 companies." The [CIO article](#) also noted other free project management software. We feel comfortable that ProjectLibre is the only real alternative to Microsoft Project when requiring those features. ProjectLibre is the leading open source alternative to Microsoft Project. It has been downloaded over 3,000,000 times in over 200 countries and has won InfoWorld "Best of Open Source" award. ProjectLibre is compatible with Microsoft Project 2003, 2007 and 2010 files. You can simply open them on Linux, Mac OS or Windows. ProjectLibre key features: Compatibility with Microsoft Project and Gantt Chart: Network Diagram: WBS/RBS charts: Earned Value Costing: Resource Histograms .The goal of ProjectLibre is to provide free and open source project management software around the world. They are very pleased to have been adopted in over 200 countries and making a difference around the world. Large Fortune 500 companies, governments, small business and non-profits around the world are benefiting. ProjectLibre can open existing Microsoft Project files and has comprehensive project management features. ProjectLibre has been translated into Arabic, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, English, French, Finnish, Galician, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Russian and Ukrainian. They are looking for volunteers to continue translating both the product but also documentation. The documentation is a community document wiki that is a work in progress and can be accessed when you log into this website.

ODOO PROJECT MANAGEMENT: <https://www.odoo.com/>. ODOO is comprehensive all in one project management application. It is all in one business software which includes CRM website e-commerce accounting manufacturing warehousing project management inventory etc .With 10,000+ apps in, Odoo covers all your business needs in a one-stop solution: no more interfaces between different software required. Odoo apps are perfectly integrated to each other, allowing you to fully automate your business processes. "You can replace 14 different applications and you can increase revenues by 10% overnight." The open source model of Odoo has allowed them to leverage thousands of developers and business experts to build hundreds of apps in just a few years. With strong technical foundations, Odoo's framework is unique. It provides top notch usability that scales across all apps. Usability improvements made on Odoo will automatically apply to all of their fully integrated apps. That way, Odoo evolves much faster than any other solution. Odoo is a suite of open source business apps that cover all your company needs: CRM, eCommerce, accounting, inventory, point of sale, project management, etc. Odoo's unique value proposition is to be at the same time very easy to use and fully integrated.

Accounting Memento For Entrepreneurs (US GAAP) : The Profit and Loss (P&L) report shows the performance of the company over a specific period (usually the current year). The Gross Profit equals the revenues from sales minus the cost of goods sold. Operating Expenses (OPEX) include administration, sales and R&D salaries as well as rent and utilities, miscellaneous costs, insurances, ... anything beyond the costs of products sold. The Balance Sheet is a snapshot of the company's finances at a specific date (as opposed to the Profit and Loss which is an analysis over a period). Assets represent the company's wealth, things it owns. Fixed assets includes building and offices, current assets include bank accounts and cash. A client owing money is an asset. An employee is not an asset. Liabilities are obligations from past events that the company will have to pay in the future (utility bills, debts, unpaid suppliers). Equity is the amount of the funds contributed by the owners (founders or shareholders) plus previously retained earnings (or losses). Each year, net profits (or losses) are reported to retained earnings. (https://www.odoo.com/documentation/user/11.0/accounting/overview/main_concepts/memento.html) and training online <https://odoo.thinkific.com/courses/odoo-functional>)

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Wekan project management tool: <https://wekan.github.io/>. Wekan is an open-source [kanban board](#) which allows a card-based task and to-do management, similar to tools like [WorkFlowy](#) or [Trello](#). Wekan allows to create Boards, on which Cards can be moved around between a number of Columns. Boards can have many members, allowing for easy collaboration, just add everyone that should be able to work with you on the board to it, and you are good to go! You can assign colored Labels to cards to facilitate grouping and filtering, additionally you can add members to a card, for example to assign a task to someone. Wekan is distributed under the [MIT License](#), allowing anyone to easily work with it and modify it. It is perfect for anyone that needs a slick kanban board but doesn't want to use third party services, which are out of user control. Wekan can be hosted on your own server with very little effort, guaranteeing that you have all the time full control over your data and can make sure no one else has access to it and that it won't just vanish from one day to another, that is, if you do backups. Yes, Libreboard was the old project name, which superseded the even older project name Metrello. As the original name suggests, Metrello was a Trello clone built with Meteor. It used a lot of the original assets from Trello and even the name was very similar. When the project turned more mature and gained more interest by the community, this was obviously a [problem](#). To get its own identity and due to a DMCA from Trello, efforts started to [redesign](#) Metrello, which also included to find a new name and so Maxime Quandalle came up with "OpenBoard", to underline the open source nature of the project. Unfortunately the com domain was already taken and so she replaced the Open with Libre, which stands for free (as in freedom) in many Latin derived languages. After renaming it to Libreboard, a [new logo](#) was designed and the project continued to live on as Libreboard. Unfortunately it turned out, that the new logo was apparently ripped-off from a [concept](#) published at Dribbble, and so a new logo had to be found. There were a lot of [ideas from the community](#), and at the end Maxime [proposed](#) a completely new name, Wekan, together with a design proposal for a new logo. After 2016-09-02 there were no pull requests reviewed and integrated for nearly 2 months. At 2016-10-20 Wekan community created fork and started merging many bugfixes and new features into Wefork. 2017-01-29 Wekan author mquandalle gave access to Wekan and at 2017-01-31 xet7 started merging Wefork back to Wekan. 2017-02-08 All of Wefork is now merged and moved back to official Wekan. Wefork will not accept any new issues and pull requests. All development happens on Wekan. Wekan started as a just for fun project to explore meteor and its features and the initial version had a lot of the Trello assets (CSS, Images, Fonts) in it and copied a lot of its design. Due to an DMCA takedown notice and obviously to get its own identity, the old design was dropped after v0.8 and a new UI was developed.

Zen Tao Project Management Tool: (<https://www.zentao.com/>). ZenTao includes SaaS and Cloud version. ZenTao is an open source project management software, developed by Qingdao Nature Easy Soft Network Technology Co. Ltd. Combining product management, project management, QA management, document management, bug management and todo management. It is a professional project management software, covering the core process of software development projects. ZenTao is practical and pragmatic. It has full features and beautiful interfaces, and is easy to use. ZenTao is well structured and can be flexibly extended. It also has powerful search features, various forms of statistical reports and complete API. Zen(禅) and Tao(道) are the two Chinese characters that have rich meanings in both religion and culture. ZenTao Project Management Software takes the cultural meaning of Zen and Tao, and is expected to convey our understanding and thinking of management. Inspired by *The Tao of Programming* and *The Zen of Programming*, we named our software ZenTao. The main design philosophy of ZenTao Project Management Software is based on Scrum, an internationally popular Agile methodology. Scrum is very pragmatic and easy to operate, so it fits in the fast iterative development of software projects. However, Scrum only defines the core management framework. There are still many details and processes that have to be extended and developed. Based on the philosophy of Scrum and with the observation of the current development situations in China, ZenTao integrates bug management, test case management, release management and document management, and it completely covers the entire lifecycle of software development. In ZenTao, the concepts of product, project and test are clearly defined. Product team, development team and QA team coordinate and check with each other while they function differently. The three teams interact with each other through stories, tasks and bugs, and eventually deliver the product with quality.

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