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Best Microsoft Project Alternatives Of 2025

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Our team analyzed 19 project management platforms with 38 factors, such as milestone tracking, task dependency management, time tracking and customer ratings, to organize this list of the 10 best Microsoft Project alternatives. All ratings are determined solely by our editorial team.

The Best Microsoft Project Alternatives of 2025

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Starting price	\$5 per user, per month, (billed annually)
Built-in time tracking	Yes
Collaboration features	Image markup, video recording, guest access, comments and collaborative documents

Editor's Take

Pros & Cons

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Built-in time tracking	Yes
Collaboration features	Collaborative documents, whiteboard, guest access and comments

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BEST FOR COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION

Asana



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Starting price	\$10.99, per user, per month (billed annually)
Built-in time tracking	Yes
Collaboration features	Comments, in-app chat and guest access

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Built-in time tracking	Yes

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Built-in time tracking	Yes
Collaboration features	Comments, chat, proofing and guest access

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Starting price	\$10 per user, per month (billed annually)
Built-in time tracking	No
Collaboration features	Collaborative workspaces, guest access and comments

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Starting price	\$20 per user, per month (billed annually)
Built-in time tracking	No
Collaboration features	Guest access and comments

Editor's Take

Pros & Cons

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Starting price	\$10.99 per user, per month (billed annually)
Built-in time tracking	Yes
Collaboration features	Collaborative documents, forms, built-in chat, guest access and proofing

Editor's Take

Pros & Cons

Wrike

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Starting price	\$10 per user per month
Built-in time tracking	Yes
Collaboration features	Guest access, proofing, comments and cross-tagging

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Starting price	\$8.15 per user, per month (billed annually)
Built-in time tracking	Yes
Collaboration features	Comments and tagging

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How To Choose the Best Microsoft Project Alternative

Essential Features

When it comes to essential features, Microsoft Project has it fairly well covered, but it doesn't seem to keep up with some of the project management tools that have been dominating the market. Some of the best core features you should look for include:

Task management features: At the very least, a project management tool should offer task and subtask management. You should be able to add start and end dates, assign users to tasks and projects and prioritize tasks with tags or labels.

Risk management features: Most project management software offers a way to schedule work or resources, such as through built-in time tracking, which is a big part of project risk management. Look for reporting tools and critical path charts to help with project prediction.

Multiple project views: Nearly every project management software includes a board or Kanban and list view, but some others also offer timeline, Gantt chart and calendar views. Different teams and users prefer to work more visually or with lists, so it's important to choose an alternative that fits the way your team works.

Collaboration features: Working in a silo can be detrimental to project success, so finding a tool with built-in collaboration features is ideal. Consider software with collaborative documents, communication tools, proofing and easy guest access.

Advanced Features

Although Microsoft Project is a great tool for managing simple projects, it may not offer the advanced tools you need to manage multiple projects or more complex projects with cross-team collaboration needed.

Workflow automation is becoming standard among most project management tools and they're easier to implement with drag-and-drop functionality. With AI on the rise, you can find it baked into features, such as reporting and insights to predict project risk and success more accurately or by recommending actions based on past actions.

Ease of Use

It's important to choose an alternative to Microsoft Project that's intuitive for your team or at least comes with great onboarding. With all the advancement in project management features and addition of automated workflows, AI assistance and better insights, project management software has become easier to use. However, some of the more robust and complex platforms may have a steep learning curve to start.

To make this decision, you have to know your team well. Software development teams likely need a platform that supports Agile. Plus, they're more likely to have the tech know-how to pick up a more complex system quickly. Other teams may prefer a simple interface that isn't overwhelming with options; one that offers structure and easy-to-use features.

Cost

All small businesses need to consider cost. Microsoft Project is sitting at the top end of the industry average with a starting price of \$10 per user, per month. There are many Microsoft Project alternatives that cost less than half that and offer far more value.

Individuals and small teams that prefer to stick to free plans likely aren't using Microsoft Project at all, as it doesn't offer a free plan. Consider some of the [best free project management software](#) to use instead. There are plenty of options available that have few limitations and most of the core features you'd need.

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Methodology

To find the best Microsoft Project alternatives, we strived to provide an unbiased look at the most important factors of project management tools that would serve your business and teams better. After collecting data on nearly two dozen of the most popular platforms and comparing them across 30-plus subfactors, we averaged the scores on a five-star ranking system. Below are the main categories we considered:

Pricing and Fees

Although pricing is an important consideration for any business, it likely isn’t the most important if you’re looking for an alternative to Microsoft Project. So, we gave more credit to low starting plans, but overall this category received 11% of the total score.

General Features

To transition successfully from Microsoft Project to a new platform, it’s important to know you’re going to keep the core features you had before. So, we ensured each platform includes role assignment features, task management, Gantt charts and integrations. This section accounts for 26% of the total rank.

Additional Features

We don’t require every software that makes our list to have all of the additional features we tested and researched, but if the features are present, the score reflects that. We gave 20% of the final score to additional features, such as billing and invoicing, milestone tracking and guest access.

Reviews, Ratings and Mobile App Availability

It’s likely more difficult to find project management software without a mobile app these days, but we still made sure each of the software on our list have iOS and Android apps for your phone. We also considered user reviews and public ratings. Overall, we give these multiple categories a total of 23% weight.

Expert Score

Our experts look at the ease of use, value, popularity and other less tangible features of software. After thorough research and testing, they come up with a more subjective ranking of each subfactor for a total average score that makes up 20% of the final rank.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- + Is there a free version of Microsoft Project?
- + What’s the difference between Microsoft Planner and Microsoft Project?
- + Is Microsoft Project being replaced?
- + What forms of project management are available in Microsoft Project?

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