

ABOUT P2WARE PLANNER SUITE 2011

P2ware Planner Suite is a set of highly effective tools for project, programme and portfolio management, exploiting latest developments in project management and related areas. The software allows to create plans even 90% faster and is during effective project execution. Moreover, the purchase of P2ware Planner is the investment with a very short payback period.

The suite encompasses desktop applications for project or team managers as well as applications to be used to build integrated systems facilitating project, programme and portfolio management.



The most advanced set of features available on the market and capabilities of customisation particular requirements of project, programme, portfolio or industry. That is why, it makes P2ware Planner an ideal choice for projects managed according to methods or standards such as PRINCE2® or PMBOK® PMI®.

These features coupled with advanced reporting capabilities and control over project objects interrelations make P2ware Planner Suite a leading project management tool.

NEW P2WARE PLANNER SUITE 2011 LICENCES

In Planner 2011 there are new desktop licences available.

In 2008 version there were:

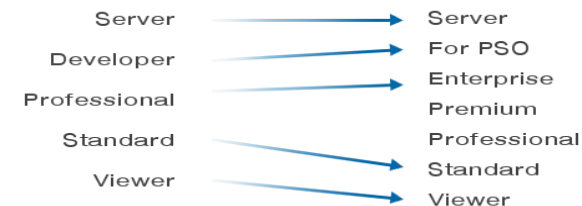
- Planner Standard
- Planner Professional
- Planner Developer

In Planner 2011 there are available additional licences:

- **Planner Standard** – the same set of features as in 2008
- **Planner Professional** – like Professional 2008, but cannot connect to Planner Server
- **Planner Premium** – like Developer 2008, but cannot connect Planner Server
- **Planner Enterprise** – like Professional 2008. It is used in integrated systems with Planner Server. It is a tool for project managers.
- **Planner for PSO** – like Developer 2008. It is used in integrated systems with Planner Server. It is a tool for Project Support Offices.

P2ware Planner Suite 2008

P2ware Planner Suite 2011



NEW FEATURES AND MAJOR CHANGES IN P2WARE PLANNER SUITE 2011

#	Name	Area	Description
1	Added a new view: Lessons Log.	All versions	New view. The purpose of the lessons log is to store various lessons learned (problems, ideas, etc.) from a project or its environment.
2	PRINCE2 2009 naming changes.	All versions	Among various changes in PRINCE2 2009 there were some changes in naming. Planner 2011 reflects these changes.
3	Added new view: Interface Customisation. This will enable users to hide views, perspectives and properties that are not used in particular project, department or industry. The functionality is meant to make the software more approachable to project managers.	Desktop	New view. It is the main view designed for managing advanced plan template customisation, i.e. managing visibility of a)plan objects, b)object of properties, c)perspectives, d) tables of related objects. Thanks to this functionality, one can tailor plan templates to informational needs of an organisation or a project. As a result only required data is used in plans. Other properties or objects may not be visible to others (e.g. some views may be completely invisible). The end result is faster and easier planning focusing on what is really important and leaving all unnecessary information behind.
4	Added functionality allowing to localise properties names, i.e. translate them in any other language allowing to create custom multinational plan templates	Desktop	Allows to create display names in various languages. Plan template may be multilingual and contain names in many languages. This feature was designed to support teams using various languages.
5	Added new view: Resource Assignments. It has been an important upgrade since version 2008. The view allows to manage resource assignments more effectively, assign many resources to many various activities in just a few seconds.	Desktop	New view. Advanced view designed to make managing resource assignments easier and more efficient. Of course in versions without this view (Standard) you may still manage resource assignments on Resources or Activities views as it is in all Planner applications.

<p>6 Added functionality of browsing resource load while assigning resources to activities via Planner Server. It allows to assign resources that are currently available.</p>	<p>Planner Server</p>	<p>It is now possible to view resource assignments and its level while adding shared resources to a plan or during assignment of a shared resource to activities in Planner Server.</p>
<p>7 Added SharePoint (WSS, MOSS) integration to facilitate creating project documentation portals and document linking and management.</p>	<p>Desktop</p>	<p>Documents view was modified and now it has buttons allowing to bind plan to SharePoint document library. This is coupled with easier creation of links between plan objects (e.g. activity, product, risk) and external documents. This feature facilitates creation of a modern system where documentation is stored in external document system and project only data in P2ware Planner.</p>
<p>8 New and changed web services that enable development teams outside P2ware to create external components having access to all plan and resources data. This facilitates creating external synchronisation components, e.g. Importing or exporting data from/to ERP or other IT systems.</p>	<p>Planner Server</p>	<p>Feature designed for advanced and custom integration. In version 2011 several web service interfaces were introduced. Thanks to these web services (accessible via programming in e.g. C#) one can create custom solutions and external applications using data from Planner Server or entering new data. This also was designed to facilitate ERP and other systems integration.</p>
<p>9 Extended plan snapshots. New version adds more data on planned and actual timing and work.</p>	<p>All versions</p>	<p>Snapshots were extended and now they contain more plan data than in Planner Suite 2008. There are all timing and cost data stored virtually in the snapshot as well as work and completed percent. It means that creating advanced reports as well as detailed analysis of work performed and to be done is possible.</p>
<p>10 New mechanism allowing to describe the plan templates. It will facilitate plan templates management and usage.</p>	<p>Desktop</p>	<p>It is possible to describe plan templates used in your projects. Plan template description may contain its name, author and detailed description. Plan template description is visible on a startup screen.</p>

11	Added functionality allowing to bind a plan file to a documents library on disk or network share. Then, documents can be easily linked with plan objects (e.g. products, activities etc.)	Desktop	Documents view was modified and now it allows to bind plan to a local disk or network share. It is easy to link documents with plan objects.
12	Enhanced start screen to enable better plan templates usage.	Desktop	Plan template can contain a detailed description. This description is visible after start up. The start screen contains all available templates (built-in and own templates), recently opened plans.
13	Added to Risk Register changes allowing to manage not only threats but also opportunities.	All versions	Risk management is not only about threats but also opportunities. Default, built-in template contains properties allowing to accomplish that.
14	Reports control refresh (slightly improved UI).	Desktop	Reports controls was refreshed (improved UI and speed).
15	Added organisational units support to Planner Server. It allows to organise resources into units and manage them more effectively.	Planner Server	Planner Server allows to create organisational units. Shared resources (stored on Planner Server) may be stored in various organisational units. Each organisation unit can have separate security settings.
16	Added new data type - Rich Text Format (RTF). This allows to create rich documents describing plan objects.	Desktop	New data type was added: Rich Text Format (RTF), which allows to describe plan objects using rich documents. These can be used to create formatted reports.
17	Added new data type - object reference. This allows to link various objects with other plan elements.	All versions	New data type was added: object reference. This is an object reference to any plan object in a plan. You may link object in Planner with any other object - relation 1:1, e.g. Link product to some specific daily log entry.
18	Added Integrated Windows Logon.	All versions	It is possible to connect to Planner Sever from desktop applications using integrated windows logon. Of course Planner Server has to be properly configured.
19	Enhanced unified plan and resource synchronisation. Data synchronisation is done in one intuitive way.	Desktop	Plan synchronisation is now in one place in P2ware Planner. It is Server tab. Application detects whether connected plan needs synchronisation and informs about it upon start up.

<p>20 Improved and faster data transfer protocol (desktop - server) with detection of version incompatibility.</p>	<p>All versions</p>	<p>Application detects whether desktop applications and server use the same protocol. It ensures that data is consistent and secure.</p>
<p>21 Added functionality allowing to show or hide reports on Planner Server. This can be used to create advanced reports visible only to selected users. What is more, access is managed by access control list.</p>	<p>Planner Server</p>	<p>The change pertains Planner Server reports created in SQL Server Reporting Services. Folders and reports starting with 'Plan_' are not displayed in global or user reports. The starting with 'User_' are not displayed in global or plan reports. The starting with 'Global_' are not displayed in other reports. Finally, 'Hidden_' reports are not displayed anywhere which means that they may be used to create sub reports that are only visible from other main reports.</p>
<p>22 New control and enhanced security settings allowing to create detailed security settings for Planner Server users.</p>	<p>Planner Server</p>	<p>New control is used to manage security settings and improved security settings.</p>
<p>23 Changes in calendar management. Enhancements allowing to manage calendar setting across the whole organisation.</p>	<p>All versions</p>	<p>Calendars view was recreated and Work week template was deleted from P2ware Planner. These changes make calendar management easier and allow to manage them in one place. Also, what is really important, calendar changes reflect needs of project support offices and enterprise users to manage calendars globally on whole Planner Server and in all projects (using plan template propagation).</p>
<p>24 Planner Server user interface refresh.</p>	<p>Planner Server</p>	<p>Improved user interface of Planner Server application.</p>
<p>25 New installation and activation functionalities. Offering more options for current and future activations.</p>	<p>Desktop</p>	<p>This change introduces major change - Planner is installed only once. There is always Planner Viewer and other version. The other version depends on activation key. It means that upgrades are much easier: just enter the activation key and it is done. There is no need to download another version, uninstall and install a new one.</p>

26 Added new functionality of renaming column headers in tables and trees across the application. It allows to create shorter and meaningful names adjusted to organisation.	Desktop	Some properties have quite long names. Sometimes you would like to make them shorter (to fit the column). So this feature allows you to change the display name of a property while choosing which columns are to be displayed in a particular perspective.
27 Added functionality allowing to initialise property of an object using predefined formula.	All versions	Property may be: a)an ordinary property, b)formula, or c)property that is initialised with a formula. That kind of property can later be edited like a standard property and the only difference is that it gets initialised with computed value.
28 Propagation of plan setting from Planner Server plan.	Desktop	Server tab on each view has additional icon. This button allows to import all plan template changes from Planner Server. You are informed when someone added new perspectives to Planner Server plan and by using this option you may download it to your desktop computer.