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D-Tools: Comprehensive Project Management
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“Operational efficiency is at the core of D-Tools’ DNA,” says Stearns. D-Tools streamlines the often manual, labor-intensive process of estimating, designing, and project management, allowing customers to realize substantial cost savings and return on investment. The company has pioneered the category of data-driven design and documentation with its award-winning System Integrator (SI) platform, used by more than 5,000 companies around the world. D-Tools SI is one of the most comprehensive and widely used estimation, design, and project management software platforms available for the systems integration industry.

**SI: The Data Driven Platform**

SI’s project management capabilities include project scheduling, resource management, and reporting capabilities that help clients to deliver the job on-time and on-budget. D-Tools help clients realize significant efficiency and profitability gains by providing a singular software solution that encompass detailed product information like product specifications, estimated labor and pricing. This valuable data is carried from the estimation phase through to system design, project documentation, purchase, installation and service, significantly reducing data entry time and eliminating errors associated with inconsistent information/data. A robust cloud infrastructure drives D-Tools’ product data library, purchasing portal, and mobile functionality. The customers of D-Tools can access this comprehensive data library of product information that dynamically connects throughout the projects lifecycle and create fast, accurate, detailed and professional-looking project proposals that ensure proper accounting of their design and labor.

SI’s collaborative task and service order management abilities, along with the Calendar functionality, and the Mobile Install feature, makes it easy to track tasks and check the availability of resources to eliminate over-scheduling. The very innovative Mobile Install app gives users the power to publish installation and service orders to a web portal powered by the D-Tools Cloud which can then be accessed by technicians in the field from any mobile device. Technicians can track installation time and completion status, attach notes and photos from the field, and sync this information back into the SI platform for accurate time and project information tracking. “Mobile Install is an indispensable part of the SI platform as it empowers integrators to arm their field operations team with the project information required for successful delivery of projects,” states Stearns.

Further, D-Tools’ native integration with Microsoft Visio and AutoCAD, allows the product information which is used to generate the proposal to be leveraged in building engineered drawings (line diagrams, elevations, plan views, and schematics) based on the actual product specifications (dimensions, inputs/outputs, images). Users can simply drag and drop products from the catalog or project file to the drawing surface to create the desired drawings.

In an instance, Karcher Group (KGI), a company that designs and installs audio-visual systems, eagerly responded to a bid request for the complete audio/visual design and installation for two new buildings at the Marine Corps University (MCU) campus in Quantico, VA. The scope of the MCU project was massive requiring the formation of 38 classrooms, centralized help desk for management/support in every room, over 200,000 feet of cabling, and 55 equipment racks. For a project of this dimension, KGI turned to D-Tools for their SI platform that makes it easy to quickly create accurate and professional proposals based on
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20 Most Promising Project Management Solution Providers 2017

In today’s intricate business environment, Project Management solutions enable the enterprises to follow well-defined project lifecycle that comprises of initiation, planning, production, monitoring, and closure, and simplify project management. A cutting-edge PM solution drives businesses towards achievement of stringent deadlines at minimal expenditure. The solution not only facilitates process streamlining but also people management due to support for real time collaboration and scalable operations. Features like ease of integration with thirds party tools, robust security mechanism, in-built disaster recovery systems make PM solution—a winning proposition.

Deployment of PM solution empowers enterprise to convert the project into a success story, organizations still have to solve puzzles in system integration and workplace related practices. On-premise diverse systems, remote workforce, and mobility together raise a challenge for modern day CIOs. Eventually, incorporation of the essential factors that would contribute in successful run of PM software remains a conundrum for IT leaders.

In order to assist CIOs in identifying the right project management tool, CIOReview presents “20 Most Promising Project Management Solution Providers 2017,” featuring the best vendors offering technologies and services that aid to the entire project execution processes.

A distinguished panel comprising of CEOs, CIOs, analysts, and the CIOReview editorial board has selected the top players from the project management domain. The listing provides a look into how these solutions work in the real world, so that you can gain comprehensive understanding of what technologies are available, which are right for you, and how they shape up against the competition.

We present to you the 20 Most Promising Project Management Solution Providers 2017.

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