Asta Powerproject: The power behind successful projects

WHY CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS PREFER ASTA POWERPROJECT

Asta Powerproject has been developed with input from our users within the construction industry over more than 20 years and is the preferred software of thousands of construction professionals throughout the world who like its combination of ease of use with feature rich functionality. Unlike other software that can only address parts of the construction lifecycle, Asta Powerproject can be relied upon to create a plan and develop it through every stage, giving you one quality software solution for all your project needs.

Here are some of the key reasons our customers have told us about why they prefer Asta Powerproject to other software.

▶ SUPERIOR PRESENTATION

"What Asta Powerproject is particularly good at is presentation, which is exactly what you need for good reports. With a very small amount of effort, the user can easily produce a very presentable and professional-looking report. I have worked for other contractors and seen other programmes, but none have been as presentable as Powerproject."

"Asta Powerproject is undoubtedly helpful to us in winning contracts. It means we can produce better quality information than we could with MS Project. We can enhance it by using histograms to give clients the cashflow forecasts that they want and also show the bar chart and histograms on one page – it's simple to do using the software and clients like it, it gives them more information and more confidence in us."

"In terms of presentation, Asta Powerproject is far superior. When you start up a project in MS Project, you have to set up date scales and grid lines for example. In Asta Powerproject that just works straight away. The grid lines are perfect, the holidays are already there, and the date scales are correct. It's so easy to set up and begin quickly and provides professional-looking output."

▶ SIMPLER PRINTING

"In terms of printing, Asta Powerproject lets you just click and print, you don't have to adjust anything; it sizes it automatically for you. MS Project is not as straightforward

as this, it prints over several pages, which is annoying, and often you find some of your data has been chopped off for size. You can't rely on your information being complete and correct."

▶ EASIER TO CREATE TASKS

"Creating tasks is easier in Asta Powerproject because you can draw them on yourself. You can put your mouse on a line, click and draw a bar. Then specify how long you want it, and click on duration; on MS Project it's impossible to draw your own task easily or even move it. With Asta Powerproject you have so much more control. With multitasks on a line, for example when scaffolding goes up and comes down, you might not want to have that information on one big bar; Asta Powerproject lets you have this on one line instead of two, this saves space in
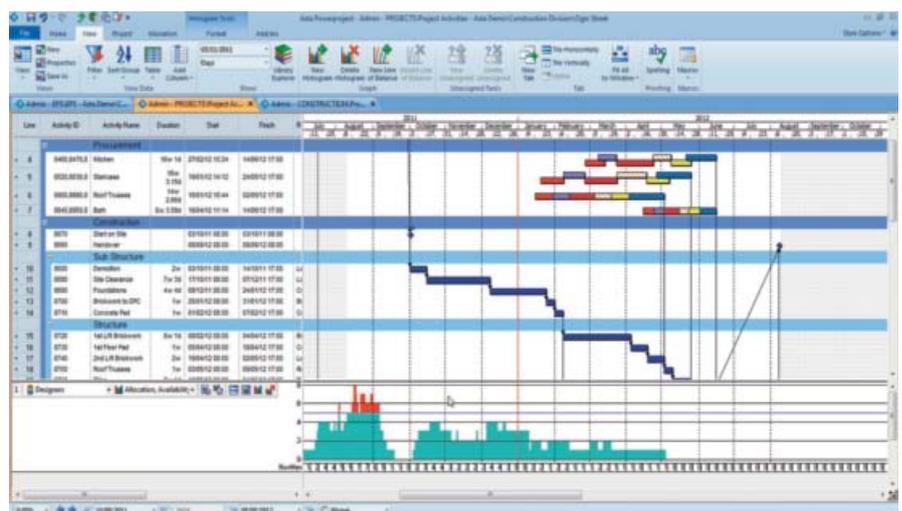
> **"We compared Asta Powerproject with other programmes and decided that this would better fit our needs…mostly because it is so much more user-friendly and cost-efficient. It is far easier to use than other planning tools and far more visual."**
>
> **Gavin Clegg, North Midland Construction**

the programme and it's more manageable to have just the pieces of information that you need."

▶ MORE POWERFUL NAVIGATION FEATURES

"I love the way you can move around quickly. Whereas in MS Project you must create summary bars to group activities, in Asta Powerproject it lifts them all into a

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single window so you can see exactly what you need. It makes it really easy to break the job into different areas, and you never have to scroll through page after page of activities to find something. If you have two areas you want to compare and see how they interface, you just click 'Control' at the same time and they both appear side by side. The visual navigation capability of Asta Powerproject is one of its very best features."

▶ MULTI-UNDO LETS YOU TEST DIFFERENT SCENARIOS WITH CONFIDENCE

"I have been using Asta Powerproject for many years; I have witnessed the various versions and I have seen a lot of changes. It is way ahead of the other contenders – for example, when multiple undo's came out as a new feature in Asta Powerproject, it proved very valuable. It allows you to test out different scenarios and 'What if?' situations, which is really important in planning. In fact, it proved so useful that the next version of MS Project to come out also contained that feature, although it doesn't work quite as well as in Asta Powerproject because it doesn't let you undo after a save or with autosave on."

▶ RE-SCHEDULING IS SIMPLER

"Rescheduling is made much simpler with Asta Powerproject. In MS Project if I put a completion percentage on a task, for example a two-week bar for installing

> **"Throughout my career I have always used Asta Powerproject above any other software, I wouldn't use anything else**

Ian Birch, H&J Martin

> **"I think the secret ingredient of Asta Powerproject is that it is produced by planners for planners. It remains a project management/planners tool with the capability to produce output at whatever level of understanding is required. Other software available often fails to produce output that can easily be read and understood."**

Andrew Pearce
Balfour Beatty Construction

windows, it automatically reschedules the rest of the bar, which I don't want it to do, this is so unhelpful. In Asta Powerproject I can put in my own completion percentage and then reschedule it, as I like to be able to analyse before I reschedule – I like to have that control. MS Project is simply not as user friendly."

▶ PROGRESS MONITORING PUTS YOU IN CONTROL

"The software compares what was planned with actual progress. It plots a line that shows whether the programme is behind or

ahead of schedule, from that we can see which items have fallen behind and take the appropriate action, in time."

"Progress periods are clearly defined in Asta Powerproject. You can build an as-built programme as you go along. The bar is colour-coded and this is added along the way. Asta Powerproject makes no assumptions, it gives you automation, but let's you stay in control."

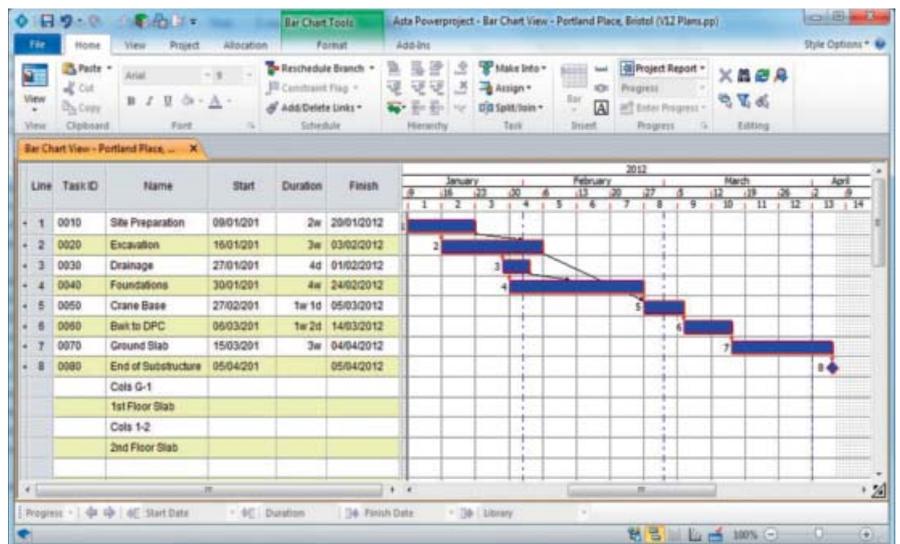### ▶ BETTER PROTECTION AGAINST LITIGATION FROM DELAY

"Progress in each progress period is displayed in a separate colour and information on how much progress was recorded in a specific progress period is kept, even when the task is completed. Such records are invaluable if we have a claim situation as we can prove exactly what happened at any point in time".

▶ FILTERING FOR EASIER MANAGING OF SUB-CONTRACTORS

"The colour coding feature and the filtering ability is particularly useful when you have a number of subcontractors or traders. You can give each one a task bar of a different

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> **"The earthworks engineers simply love Asta Powerproject and could immediately see how the software worked when they switched over from MS Project."**
>
> **Steve Allan, Banora Point Project**

colour which helps you see easily where there is continuity or overlap. You can then filter on these, making it even easier to manage and it gives you a realistic programme of works."

"Asta Powerproject is also particularly good at modularising projects. The master programme can be broken down into work packages, and they can be filtered. We can filter out whichever aspects we need to, for example, concrete or cladding, which gives you more manageable projects rather than one large programme. This is obviously useful for subcontractors who do not need to see everyone else's tasks, but can be provided with a succinct programme of their own works."

▶ COPYING CODES FROM ONE PROGRAMME TO ANOTHER SAVES TIME

"Asta Powerproject allows you to create and add various codes to the programme which can then be filtered out as needed. For example, a construction programme can have high, medium and low risk codes added to all the activities, then a filter applied to show all the activities that have risk applied to them in the next 2 weeks. It also allows you to copy codes from one programme to another, whilst in MS Project, the codes have to be created every time a programme is created."

▶ EASY INTEGRATION WITH OTHER SOFTWARE FOR SIMPLE COMMUNICATION

"Asta Powerproject acts as a good interface with our customers' software – it's compatible with MS Project and Excel so you can easily cut and paste only the data you need into other software and present the information in a pdf format that everyone can read."

"Even if subcontractors are doing just a single job, we build that into our programme. With Asta Powerproject we can filter out their requirement and give them a programme of their own work, and if

they aren't using the same software, it's not a problem, in Asta Powerproject we can save the file as something else, or give them a pdf or a printout – we like that capability."

▶ SCALABLE FOR LARGER PROJECTS

"Asta Powerproject is good at managing sheer size, and some of our projects are enormous, I couldn't possibly manage them in MS Project as I'd have to put in all the sub-contractors' links and information myself, and I can't afford to make a mistake. With Asta Powerproject I can

> **"We had not come across Asta Powerproject before and were assessing a couple of other tools including Primavera and MS Project. We chose Asta Powerproject ultimately because it was more user-friendly compared to the other tools we were looking at, and because of how we could use it as a management tool."**
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> **Matt O'Grady, Hansen Yuncken**

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import the sub-contractors' projects straight into the Master Programme, thus lowering risk, we can have peace of mind that the information is absolutely correct, and of course – it saves lots of time."

"Asta Powerproject is superior in every way. MS Project can handle the smaller projects, but for the more complex or larger projects it just is not enough."

▶ **SUPPORT YOU CAN RELY ON**

"Asta's support service is excellent, they get back to you very quickly."

"When you deal with other providers, you feel you are almost like a number to them, but Asta Development provides you with personal service. Support has been exemplary, all the way from the buying process to actually using the software and that makes all the difference."
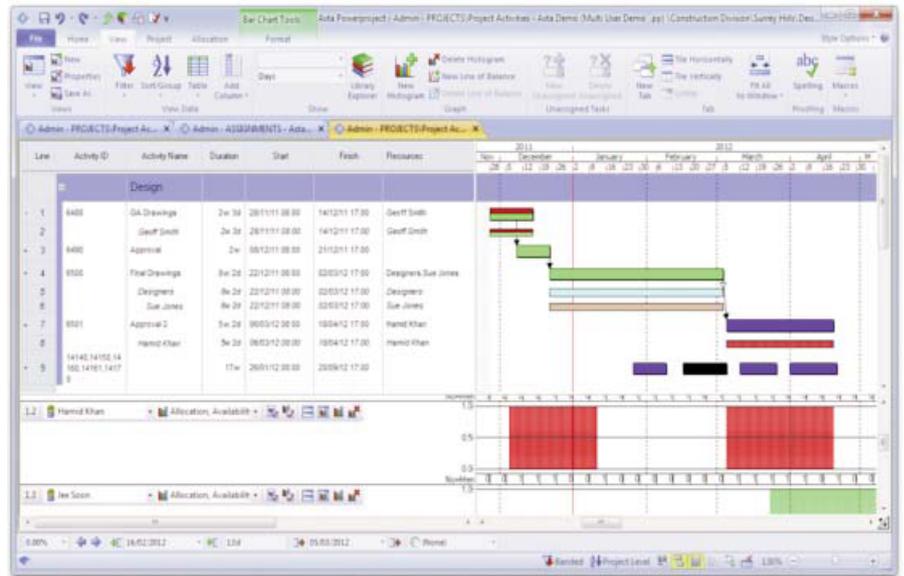
PLUS ASTA GIVES YOU:

▶ **FLEXIBLE LICENCING**

With a flexible licencing model Asta Powerproject provides a cost effective price per user to suit your needs – ask us for a personalised quote.

▶ **FREE VIEWER**

You can provide everyone involved in your projects with the ability to view, navigate and print out project plans for free so those who only need to view output do not need to buy a licence. Use Asta Project Viewer to view projects created in Asta Powerproject, Asta Easyplan, Microsoft Project and Oracle Primavera.

"Sometimes clients specify a particular software. If I'm asked to produce a programme, for example, in MS Project, I usually produce it in Asta Powerproject first, because of its superior functionality and ease of use, then save it as an MS Project file for the client."

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