



## Circa is a powerful and sophisticated estimation and planning application for scheduling, managing, tracking and controlling software projects



**Define project terms of reference**, set project calendar and configure project properties. Password protect sensitive project information. Import and export project settings as templates to share information between projects.



**Understand requirements** and scope the application using software artifacts. Import software using XML from UML CASE tools or auto populate to produce rapid first-cut estimates.



**Specify production artifacts** to take account of creative content and production activities such as help systems, product branding, hardware integration and training.



**Define resources** and profile their skills. Import resource information from MS Project. Allocate resources to project teams. Establish the best team size using the optimum resource chart.



**Identify and assess risk** to derive contingency. View a risk chart to ascertain the probability of project completion within a given timeframe.



**Produce estimates** of effort, person-days, duration and cost for each task, iteration, phase and for the entire project. Monitor project progress and compare actual values against estimates.



**Define a project process** and schedule work. Allocate artifacts and workers to tasks. Define task dependencies and set the status of tasks (planned, in progress or complete). View the project schedule as a Gantt chart and export to MS Project.



**Log defects** in software or production activities. Assess time and effort associated with correcting and re-testing project defects.



**Use built-in productivity metrics** to drive estimates of software effort. Adjust metrics to increase estimate accuracy over time. Set-up technology metrics to take account of their impacts.



**Produce detailed management information reports** in HTML and MS Excel formats. Run a project validation report to check key project indicators.

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