



Critical factors to be considered before implementing Oracle Primavera solution.

Oracle Primavera offers unmatched flexibility and power to successfully help organizations to deliver projects on time and budget thus saving companies cost, increase productivity and deliver quality projects.

Through our hands on experience in Oracle Primavera implementation we have identify key factors which need to be addressed to gain maximum ROI from your Oracle Primavera investment.

Based on our experience in Malaysia most companies purchased Oracle Primavera for reporting compliant purpose as Primavera is specified in contract by major project owners such as JKR, PETRONAS and MRT .There are handful of companies with vision and foresight who invest in Oracle Primavera for internal usage to accelerate project delivery and productivity.

At IPEC we encourage all users to maximize the usage and get maximum ROI from your Oracle Primavera investment.We advocate a strong follow up with all clients who have invested in Oracle Primavera in order to guide our valuable client's on how they can expand the usage and get maximum ROI from their investment's



1) Evolution of Oracle Primavera Solution from scheduling to complete PPM solution.

Primavera software has evolved over the years from a standalone scheduling tool to full blown enterprise project portfolio system. Apart from that scheduling Oracle Primavera have other modules sold separately such as module for contract management, risk management, portfolio management and enterprise reporting .The other modules of Oracle Primavera if implemented in conjunction with P6 will offer client complete solution for enterprise project portfolio management.

After acquisition by Oracle in 2008 key flagship product of Primavera P3 3.1 have been discontinued due to ageing technology platform it was built on . Oracle have done a great job by releasing V 8.0 series for P6 which have been further enhanced to cover many weakness in P6 V 7.0 series which have been in market since 2009.

Current version for P6 is v 8.3 and there are plans by Oracle Corp for upcoming new versions. Overall the strategy by Oracle is to offer complete portfolio of project management solution to all industry vertical. This is evident with the recent purchase of Skire Corp and Instantis which will be operating under management of Oracle Primavera Global Business Unit (PGBU).

Many new users of Oracle Primavera and existing users of Oracle Primavera don't have enough understanding on how they can utilize all the functionality in Oracle Primavera to reap maximum ROI from their investment .Oracle Primavera is still associated as a scheduling tool for use by standalone planners who in return generate paper based progress reports for their management and other project stakeholders or email XER soft copy file for manual importing for other team member's.

Most organization's do not understand Oracle Primavera can be used by entire project team and executives due to friendly web based interface introduced in P6 V 8.0 series .The usage can be also expanded to external users such as consultants ,sub contractor's and client .

There is an Oracle Primavera client in Middle East who have hundreds of project ongoing at the same time who have implemented Oracle Primavera P6 EPPM on the web where hundreds of contractors can login through internet explorer and update the earlier submitted baseline plan through web browser. With this schedule updates happening in real time this saving time and eliminate the need to chase paper based reports & importing updated XER file which is time consuming .The PMO and management can see project updates in real time rather than for weeks to discover the project is behind schedule.

With great improvement in Oracle Primavera P6 V 8.3 technological architecture as well as user friendly web based interface expanding usage of Oracle Primavera across different project stakeholders is possible .In the past there was several limitations' s in web functionality which was the obstacle to implement Oracle Primavera as hosted web solution.



2) Business Process

Many clients do not have standard business process for project controls.

No procedures are set on how project's should be managed ,reporting procedure ,scheduling options, key performance indicators (KPI) to be reported against the project etc. When companies are attempting to implement Oracle Primavera without predefined business process this make the implementation difficult and often lead to failure.

Most of the time Primavera vendor will install software without any implementation .In return project planners who are working on standalone basis will operate the software based on their own understanding and past experience gathered.

IPEC through our consulting practice can assist your organization to come out with standard business process for your project office. We will implement & map the software according to your organization business process as well help your organization to define standard business process.

3) Implementation

Many clients who purchased Oracle Primavera software perceived that standard software installation on server or standalone is sufficient to operate .This is true for previous version of Primavera flagship product P3 3.1 as this was standalone software aimed to be used by project planners.

Implementing P6 EPPM is different as there are many things need to be setup and configured as part of implementation such as EPS, OBS, and security profiles, reporting option's etc. Most organizations rely on their planners and IT personal to implement the software but in reality both roles have other work priorities.

IPEC have designed a fast track implementation package which is cost effective and will accelerate the implementation of Oracle Primavera for your organization. We will work together with your nominated project team to accelerate deployment that will enable your organization to achieve quick ROI from your software investment.



4) Training

Training is critical to ensure users' are empowered to use the software .Most client 's will end up sending user's for basic 3 days thinking this will be sufficient to operate the software .Yes its true basic training is important foundation for users to start using the software but again organization's need to work closely with your chosen Oracle Primavera vendor to work out the usage goal's and current competency level of users .Most users' do not use 100% of the functionality provided by the software due to lack of understanding on all features and capabilities the software can deliver.

IPEC offers' both customized and standard training courses together with training need analysis to assess the competency level of the partipants and handholding to ensure follow up after training.

5) Post Implementation Follow Up

Most organization 's does not follow up once the software is purchased .IPEC regularly updates users who are registered in our system with various articles ,case studies ,product functionality and new feature releases .

IPEC can offer post implementation audit exercise where our team will audit the usage of Oracle Primavera and advise your organization on improvement's which can further accelerate your ROI .

IPEC Premier Support self-service web portal enables users to quickly log service ticket requests for technical support and access resources online pertaining to Primavera usage.