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## More transparency with a project management software

### The Challenge

The business of printed circuit board manufacturer Schweizer Electronic AG is project-driven. Product and process development projects have been managed in the past by project leaders using in-house developed Excel tools. But across the board, there was a lack of transparency and an missing overviews of the large number of projects. From the point of view of the management, the coordination of the various projects was inadequate. An improved control of the entire project portfolio through planning tools should help to improve efficiency and quality.

### The Solution

Looking for a solution that does not burden IT operations. The manufacturer opted for the Daptiv PPM on-demand project and portfolio management software. The software is a flexible, scalable online solution that can be used without browser installation and covers all aspects of project management.

### The Success

The evaluation took place during several presentations and the use of a test system over several weeks. The introduction and customization of the solution took only a few weeks. Schweizer Electronic benefited from the support of the certified Daptiv specialists during the evaluation process and the implementation of the project management software. Currently, the project management software Daptiv PPM is available for 140 employees from Schweizer Electronic. With a unified system, the project business is now more transparent and setting priorities within the project portfolio more effectively.



Schweizer Electronic AG is the third largest producer of printed circuit boards in Europe. Project management plays an important role in the company, as the core business revolves around individual PCBs according to customer specifications. On the one hand, it is necessary to organize the development of products for customers and, on the other, to build up the necessary manufacturing processes. Added to this are IT projects and process enhancements, which are driven by innovation and are independent of individual customer projects.

The projects at Schweizer Electronic cover the entire product life cycle from prototype to large-scale production. A Project Management Steering Committee supervises the entirety of the projects. The challenge: Although the projects were clearly documented in the tools of the individual project managers - at the same time, the use of these individual tools meant that there was no uniformity and transparency for an overall view of the current project portfolio.

## Scaleable online solution

The project management software Daptiv PPM was evaluated in a test phase. Within just a few weeks, this flexible and scalable project management software was very well suited for the projects that were created at Schweizer Electronic. A 5-day coaching with implementation workshop by the Daptiv partner helped to find the solutions to the problem to optimally fulfil their own interests.

The certified project and reporting specialists of CBG Informatik in Vienna accompany all adjustments and suggest solutions for special requirements. The reporting function in Daptiv PPM helps to evaluate and output project and portfolio information according to the needs of the company.

## Clear own IT

"The performance of Daptiv PPM quickly convinced us. As an online project management software, Daptiv is ideal because our IT operations are minimally affected," reports Emanuel Penalver, IT Manager at Schweizer Electronic.

Currently, at the Schramberg site, 100 employees can work as standard users with Daptiv PPM and another 40 employees as time recording users. The employees, who are only partially involved in a project, record their working hours devoted to the project. Daptiv is used for capacity and resource planning of individual projects as well as for the evaluation and controlling of the entire project portfolio. "With Daptiv PPM, we have a modern and cost-effective solution for managing individual projects and the entire project portfolio," says Irina Geiger, head of the PMO department.

## Schweizer Electronic AG

Schweizer Electronic AG is the technology leader of printed circuit boards with a recognized reputation for innovative solutions that support trends such as mobility and energy efficiency. Founded in 1849 and run by the 6th generation of the Swiss family. The Schramberg-based company is listed on the Stuttgart and Frankfurt Stock Exchanges and, with around 800 employees, generated sales of 120.9 million euros in the 2017 financial year.

## CBG Informatik GmbH

CBG Informatik is an Austrian IT service company based in Vienna, which specializes in the efficient realization of sophisticated IT projects. Since 2001, CBG Informatik has supported its customers in the areas of production development, R & D, order and service management, as well as financial services companies with professional consulting services and implementations of business systems. The focal points of services provided by CBG Informatik are project management, consulting, customization, programming and training with the aim of achieving sustainable savings and competitive advantages for their customers by automating the processes.

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## Facts

- Large share of custom product development projects
- Other projects: manufacturing process development, innovation, IT
- Daptiv PPM: Introduction to unify project management, improve overall reporting, create transparency in planning
- Live operation after 4 months, test operation performed with 20 users
- Number of users: 100 standard users, 40 time registration users

