

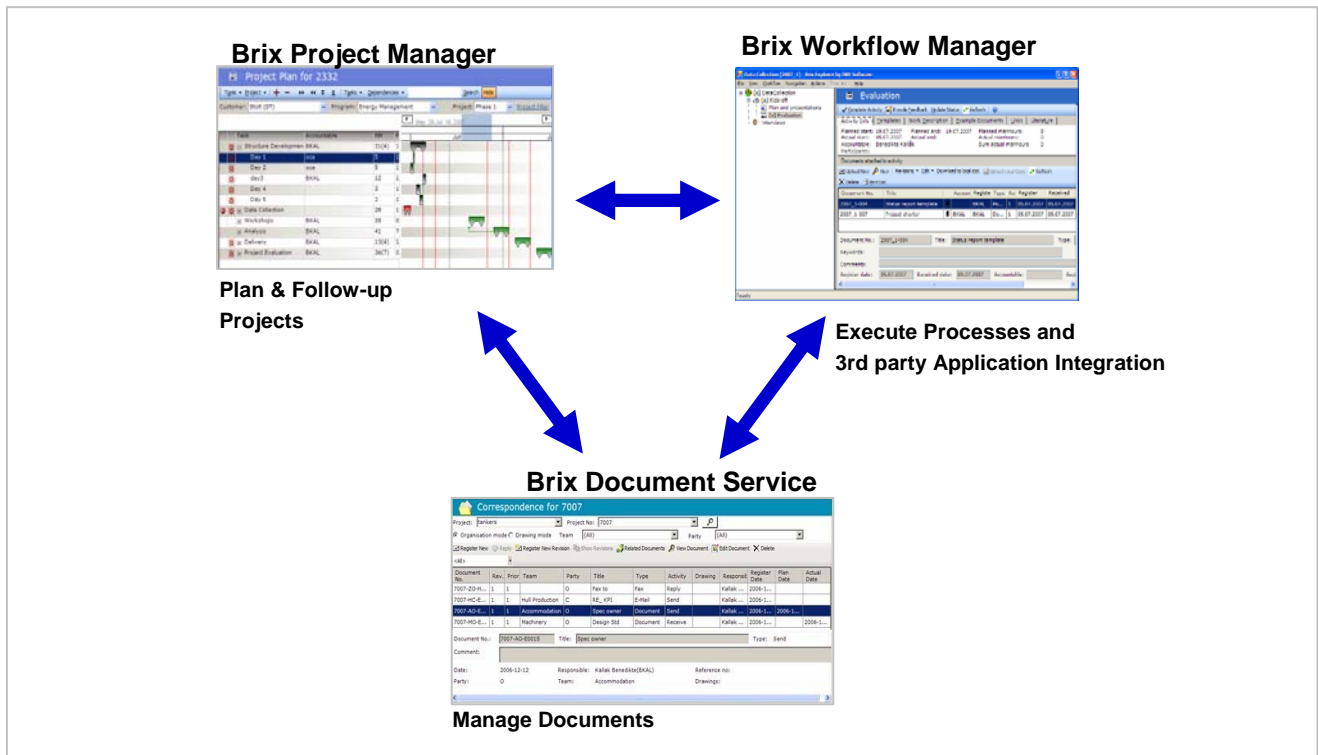
Brix Foundation

Brix Project Manager

Safeguarding your knowledge

Brix Project Manager provides a powerful mechanism for knowledge management through a common project space for all project members. It enables project management (planning and follow-up) and supports project members with a working environment to execute their part of the work by providing detailed business process support through application integration, work description and a common document archive.

Using Brix Project Manager as your organisation's knowledge management system, ensures delivery of consistent best practices.



Knowledge Management using Brix

Information workers spend up to 30% of their working day just looking for the data they need to complete a task, and 15-25% of their time on non-productive, information-related activities. Both figures are untenable positions for any organisation. (“Document Collaboration”, Butler Group 01.12.2006).

With Brix Project Manager “How you work” is the main focus. All information related to the different activities are easily accessible directly from the task at hand covering produced results as well as guidelines and work descriptions.

Efficiency and quality

E-mail is widely used when ad hoc collaboration is required to get a job done. Documents sent as e-mail attachments are often out-of-date by the time the recipient receives them, and copies can lie around in unmanaged systems. Using Brix, all project information such as produced and received documents, e-mails and other electronic files are stored in a common document repository handling check in/check out and versioning ensuring data consistency.

The benefits experienced by users will be better team communication, more accessible project information as well as improved processes.

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Template based

Process templates and project templates are the cornerstones in Brix Project Manager. A process template defines a set of activities that comprise best practice of how to achieve a certain goal, e.g. the steps required to perform a specific analysis to complete a design task. A template defines, for each activity, which applications to use, data flow, conditions, dependencies as well as estimated duration and man-hours.

Even if projects are unique by nature, they can be planned a priori by using a best practice defined for the project type in question. Such a project template includes all business processes that need to be performed to achieve the overall project or business goal.

When creating a new project plan, one can select one of several project templates to generate a starting point for the project plan. The system is flexible and allows the

plan to be modified by removing or adding tasks, change task order, planned man-hours, duration etc.

Modelling organisational knowledge as templates enables benchmarking and continuous improvements of best practice.

The knowledge lifecycle

An ultimate goal is that the system at any time reflects and deploys the organisation's best practices.

Feedback from running projects such as deviations between actual and planned data (changes made to initial template) helps content manager to improve the best practice implement at all times.

Brix Project Manager cater for flexibility while maintaining the necessary structure needed for knowledge transfer, monitoring and experience feedback.

