



An upcoming SAAS web based project management tool

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Do you find working and managing various projects at the same time a **challenge?**

For many project teams, when they are involved in a project, the first thing they would do would be to **set up a file server** and open it up for sharing purposes. Having a file sharing repository eases the need to share

documents and important information throughout the entire project duration. Although convenient, it's vital to note the following **disadvantages** of using a shared folder:

- It's not secure as anyone who knows the IP address or machine name can access the shared folder
- Risk overwriting each other's documents
- It's only accessible when access to the shared machine is available. Accessing your files over the Internet is definitely impossible, unless a vpn tunnel is established.

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Lately, there has been lots of requirements for **office workers from various locations** to be able to work and collaborate on projects. Take for example, a web application development project which consists of functional leads from US, web designers from Brazil and web

developers from India. How can they all share the documents and information effectively? Although emailing each member whenever there is an update to a document is possible, it can be a waste of bandwidth and time. With only a single document, emailing is still acceptable but if there are several requirement documents, technical documents as well as important resources, using email to send and distribute files can really be a hassle. Without a single repository in place, it can be challenging for project members to **search, utilize, and share project documents** effectively.

To provide a solution to the challenges mentioned above, [Rareview](#) came out with a SAAS web based



project management tool called [Projecturf](#).

Since Projecturf is a [SAAS](#) based application, clients enjoy the following **key benefits**:

- Applications are managed and hosted by the application provider.
- Eliminates management and operating costs for clients.
- Centralized updating where patches, enhancements and upgrades are done by the application providers themselves.
- For the clients, all they need to evaluate are the features as well as the cost against the benefit of using Projecturf.

The following are Projecturf's **key features**:

- Dashboards which provides consolidated and summarized view of all important project elements
- Manage milestones
- Manage project tasks
- Manage timecard
- Manage documents
- Discussion boards
- Search capabilities
- Calendar features
- Manage project teams
- Up to the minute reporting
- Unlimited storage on all plans



I have tried Projecturf and find the features quite complete and comprehensive enough for project members

to work and collaborate effectively. The best part about Projecturf is the **design of the user interface** which makes it fun to look at and easy to navigate. The learning curve is not steep at all, which is very important as project members need to be able to start work immediately without the need to waste time learning and training them on how to use a software.

For all applications, there's definitely **room for improvement** which I noted:

1. I was initially confused and stuck on **how to add a new project member** into my project. After some time searching, I found out that to add a new project member, I need to click on the contacts button. Somehow I thought that contacts are the contacts we would add into our address book such as information of partners, suppliers, clients, etc. Perhaps, the terminology of contacts could be altered to become project members instead.
2. The documents feature is an effective way to store all documents within a project. But to make it even more useful, a **check-in / check-out feature** could be included. This would allow several team members to work on the same document at the same time and provides version control for the documents as well. A check in / check out feature is good as someone working on the document can check out the document to lock the document. Other members will know that the document is currently being worked on by someone else. This feature is good to avoid any documents from being overwritten.

Overall Projecturf is still a strong and feature packed web based project management tool. Check them out and give [Projecturf](#) a free 30 day trial today.

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