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The Implementation

With deployment, it became immediately clear that Easy Projects .NET was not only easy to use, but also **easy to learn** and easy to administer.

“Our first impressions were great!” says Jay. “The friendly user interface allows you to easily search all of your project data and by using **shortcuts**, activities can be entered and assigned with virtually no effort.”

With affordable licensing options, Jay and his team were able to install Easy Projects .NET **in-house**, adding an extra layer of security to their project management activities.

The Outcome

Easy Projects .NET was deployed between 10 users and is now being used to manage nearly 100 active projects. It has allowed Jay and his team to track everything from simple tasks to complex projects with multiple dependencies.

The web-based interface and custom user roles, allowed the system to **easily adapt** and

integrate into the corporate environment.

With support for time logs and status reporting, project activities and costs can now be visually tracked by anyone from software developers, to business analysts, to the IT Director. “The whole system allows for fluid data entry.” adds Jay. “The data can be **filtered** so you can find exactly what we are looking for, and details on tasks and projects are communicated electronically thus eliminating paperwork.”

Easy Projects .NET **saves money** by reducing the amount of time spent of physical meetings required to share project information. All relevant data is now stored and shared through Easy Projects .NET.

“Easy Projects .NET acts as a unified platform which helps us store all of our project data in one place.”

“For us, faster searching and easier access to our data means we save time and as a result, money.”

“Our old project management software was rated a 2. Today, I would give Easy Projects .NET an 8.5 out of 10.” says Jay.

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Client Profile

Established since 1939, the Farner-Bocken Company is a family owned and operated distributor of convenience and broadline food service products, serving Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana.

With over 14,000 items in their product line, Farner-Bocken supplies goods in the categories of cigarettes, candy, snacks, tobacco, groceries, automotive, beverages, health and beauty, paper, ice cream, chemicals, supplies, and convenience foods.

The Challenge

The software development team in the Information Services department wanted to transition to **web-based** project management with support for **customizations**.

"Up until now, we were using a Lotus Notes based application for our project management." says Jay Westercamp, PMP. "Our project data was stored in different databases, which made searching through project tasks very painful and time consuming."

"We also lacked features such as custom roles and a good security model. Not to mention, the software required administrative maintenance consuming additional time."

The Solution

Ease of access, relational database support and the ability to **customize** the application were some of the important factors when Jay set out on his search.

"We immediately liked Easy Projects .NET for a number of reasons." says Jay. "First, the ease of access through the **web-based interface** for both internal and remote users. Second, the relational database behind the scenes to house all of our project activity data."

Easy Projects .NET also allowed Jay and his team to create **custom user roles and fields**, as well as establish **role-based access permissions**.

"A big selling point for us was that the software licensing allowed us to host the application ourselves."

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