



Is Cloud-based Project Management the Future?





Introduction

Remote working is a trend that has gained significant momentum in the recent past.

Over 16% of all companies exclusively hire only remote teams. The engineering industry, in particular, has seen at least 70% of people globally work remotely at least once a week.

This makes the concept of building project management systems exclusively on-premise obsolete. It also increases the IT project budgets.

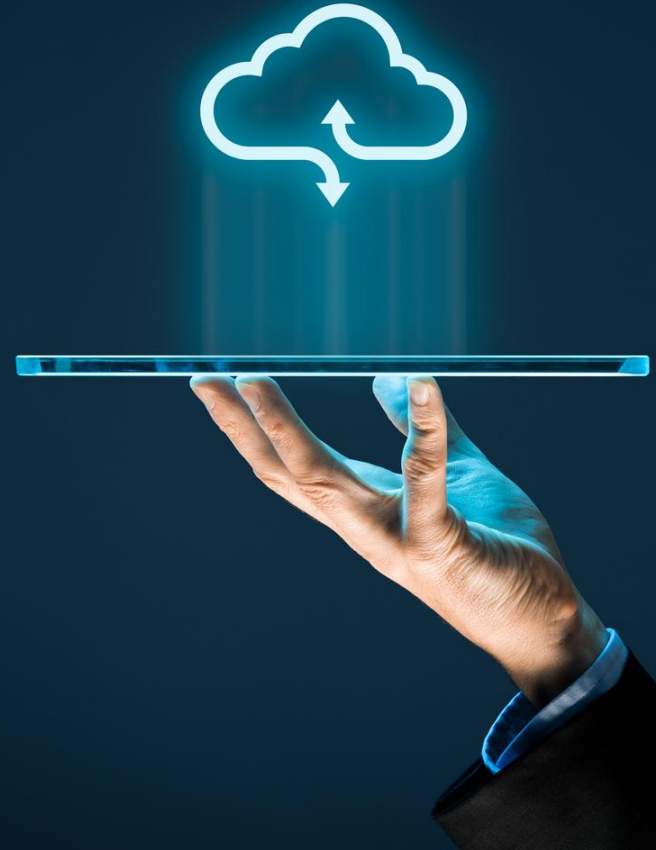


What's the alternative?

Cloud-based project management.

Cloud-based project management involves the planning, collaborating, monitoring, and delivering a project using a network of tools available online.

Examples: **Task management Kanban boards, fully-integrated task-tracking tools, and customisable dashboards.**





How does it benefit remote project management?

Easy access

Implementing cloud-based project management software doesn't require rigorous training, extra tools, and installations, nor a particular server or platform.

This makes collaboration with offshore teams easier than ever before.

Cost-effective

If you have **teams distributed in five different countries**, the cost of buying servers and additional storage, and installations, means that you'll be spending millions.

A cloud project management plan eliminates a significant amount of costs while providing a centralized place for communication and documentation.

Reliable and secure

All cloud-based project management software is made with **world-class technologies and undergoes several security measures**, including data segregation and SSL certificates to secure customer data.

Top 5 cloud-based project management software

1. Zoho Projects
2. Clarizen
3. Trello
4. Basecamp
5. Wrike



1. Zoho Projects

With five different subscription plans ranging from a free program for freelancers to an elaborate plan for large teams, Zoho is a **comprehensive remote project management tool**.

Features

- **In-built service level agreement (SLA) automation module** that tracks and monitors the project status.
- Kanban boards to organise tasks, sub-tasks, and milestones.
- Processes to integrate business and analytics software to create dashboards in minutes from raw, aggregated data.
- Custom dashboards to track key business metrics, see long term trends, determine outliers, and discover hidden insights.



2. Clarizen

Clarizen is a cloud computing tool that focuses heavily on customizable solutions. The basic subscription starts at \$45/user/month, and the unlimited plans are over \$60/user/month.

Features

- Automatic prioritisation of projects, resources, tasks, and budgets
- A standard set of templates, workflows, dashboards, personal calendars, and approval processes.
- Built-in collaboration feature that **includes integrated social engagement tools, presence awareness and resource management.**



3. Trello

With over 2 million customers, Basecamp is a veteran of the **cloud-based project management systems world**. Basecamp offers a free 30-day trial for teams and their subscription plans are \$99/month irrespective of the team size.

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4. Basecamp

Basecamp is a famous **cloud-based project management tool**, with a free tier that allows unlimited users, Kanban boards, and cards. The paid plans start at \$9.99/month.

Features

- A simple, uncluttered, and powerful interface.
- **Straightforward instructions, e-mail integration, visually appealing task boards,** and a strong reporting suite.
- Built-in collaboration feature that includes integrated social engagement tools, presence awareness and resource management.



5. Wrike

Wrike is a cloud-based project management tool that works for both **co-located and distributed teams**. The paid subscription to the platform starts from \$9.80user/month.

Features

- The **real-time visibility feature that allows you to track tasks**, identify problems early on, and monitor the progress of your teammates
- An interactive timeline.
- Predefined project templates, request forms, and Gantt charts.



To sum it up

Today, a significant number of organisations are rooting for cross-functional and decentralized teams.

To **make these teams work, each team member should be able to share information and collaborate efficiently whenever they need to.**

That should be the primary goal of any cloud-based project management solution.

Thank you

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