

Product Datasheet

PLANVIEW GATE MANAGER PROCESS ACCELERATOR

Automate Gated Processes to Speed Products to Market

A gated process enables your organization to track the progress of each product (or project) through a series of stages – throughout the product’s lifecycle, from idea to delivery and even to end of life. The gated process helps make sure:

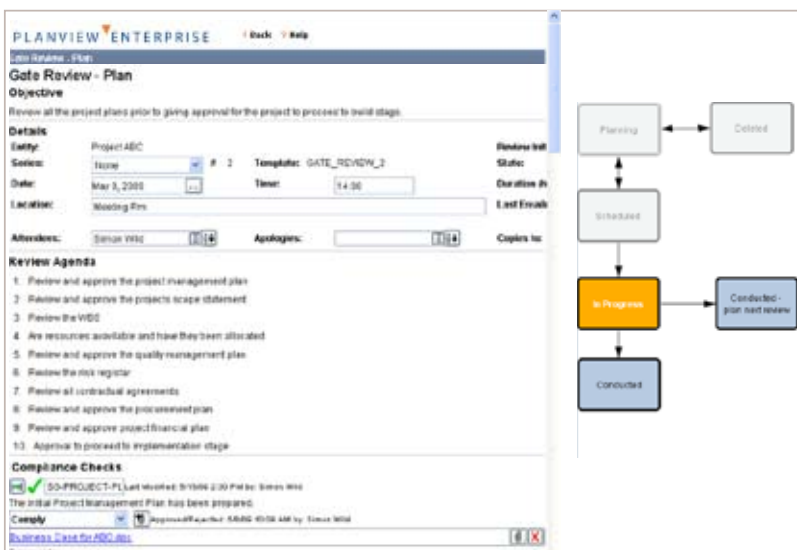
- Execution — and time to market — are more predictable.
- Only winning products make it to development and to market.
- A standard, repeatable process is complied with across the organization.
- The process is auditable.

Gate checks ensure that all aspects of a stage have been completed before the next stage of development begins. They also often provide the first alert that a product or project may need to be reviewed or abandoned before more time, resources, and dollars are invested in its production.

Although the gated process provides numerous advantages, in many organizations managers of multiple projects and products must spend valuable time manually tracking deliverables for gate statuses and providing progress information to key stakeholders, instead of spending time strategically planning new offerings and successfully positioning them in the market.

Process managers need a system that automates and streamlines the gated process, transitioning from antiquated, manual, and error-prone methods (such as spreadsheets, documents, home-grown databases, email, and tedious, unproductive meetings) to a more efficient solution. An automated, standardized, comprehensive tool that provides real-time visibility into the development process enables managers to:

- Reduce costs by killing low-performing product development early in the lifecycle, and redirecting resources appropriately
- Leverage new process efficiencies to get to market faster, increasing competitive edge
- Quickly react to market, project, resource, or product changes
- Ensure that compliance requirements are met at every stage



Planview Process Builder

The Planview® Process Builder™ product line enables organizations to embed modeling and management of enterprise-wide processes into the portfolio management framework, helping increase process adoption, accelerate process maturity, and improve organizational performance.

The Process Builder platform powers the functions of process design, automation, measurement, and auditing. On this foundation are built the Planview Process Accelerators, preconfigured best-practice templates that support specific business needs.

Learn more at www.planview.com/Process.

Use the Planview Gate Manager Process Accelerator to:

- Speed the right products to market – and quickly identify and terminate development of lower value products
- Standardize, automate, and audit your gated development process
- Improve product and project development visibility and communication
- Reduce missed deadlines to ensure on-schedule delivery
- Make sure compliance requirements are met at every stage to achieve audit goals

“Introducing a product innovation process is a critical step in improving the ability of your organization to achieve its organic growth targets.”

– Dr. Robert Cooper, Stage-Gate®, Inc.

REAL-WORLD BENEFITS

Replace your inadequate, spreadsheet-based system with Gate Manager Process Accelerator's comprehensive and automated approach for immediate benefits:

- Give project managers the **ability to see and control the process at every stage**, with configurable graphic displays that enable managers to easily obtain the information they need to make informed business decisions and allocate resources where they are most needed.
- Conserve resources through **automated, standardized processes** across all stages—from idea to launch.
- **Drive consistency and repeatability** by measuring all products against standard criteria.
- Reduce risk by successfully **managing the review process**.
- Reduce costs by ensuring that products **hit launch dates and target market windows**.

AUTOMATE GATED PROCESSES TO SPEED MARKETPLACE SUCCESS

Planview Gate Manager Process Accelerator, one of the preconfigured templates built on the Planview Process Builder platform, automates gate management, enforcing guidelines that allow users to move to Gate Review only after all required deliverables for the current stage are complete.

Applicable to Stage-Gate®, PACE®, and internally-developed gated processes, Gate Manager Process Accelerator helps product-centric organizations – be they application teams, product development groups, or any other team that follows a gate-driven development approach – to automate, manage, and monitor its processes.

This robust accelerator is completely configurable to your organization's look, feel, and terminology, so it accelerator can handle all your organization's varied processes— whether it's a standard five-gate process or a modified three-gate one for lower-risk product enhancements.

By using the preconfigured, automated, and repeatable processes and elements in the Gate Manager Process Accelerator, you minimize any risks associated with automating your gated process. These elements include:

- A Stage-Gate process map based on recommended best practices from **Product Leadership** by that organization's co-founder, Dr. Robert Cooper.
- Embedded gate reviews with compliance checks, gate review forms, and independent gate keeper voting and comments
- Gate-keeper review sub-processes to manage and track all necessary steps leading up to the gate meeting

The Gate Manager Process Accelerator enables in-depth evaluation of individual projects, as well as the opportunity for your organization to continually improve processes by analyzing and reporting on key performance indicators for process compliance across the organization.



Automate your process – Stage-Gate, PACE, or custom – to speed time to market.



For 20 years, Planview has been advancing the discipline of portfolio management, helping our customers change the way they manage people and money to make better business decisions. With a singular focus on portfolio management, Planview is the only company that combines customer-driven software, unmatched domain expertise, and proven best practices to solve each customer's unique business problems. For more information, visit www.planview.com.

GET STARTED TODAY!

Gated approaches are ideal for guiding companies through the product development cycle; now you can take it to the next level by automating your gated process to increase your organization's ability to efficiently and cost-effectively bring the right products to market.

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