



Whitepaper: ElitePlanner – Transforming Project Management with Business Central

Introduction

Efficient project management is critical to success. However, many organizations struggle with managing complex projects due to a lack of integrated solutions that can handle everything from resource scheduling and task management to financial tracking. Project managers often face fragmented tools, time consuming manual processes, and unclear financial visibility that slow down progress and increase the risk for errors.

ElitePlanner is designed to solve these challenges by providing an intuitive platform that simplifies planning, tracking, and task collaboration while giving you real-time insights into project costs and progress. ElitePlanner is a comprehensive project management solution, *purpose built for Business Central - no integration needed*.

This whitepaper will explore how ElitePlanner addresses key business needs, the benefits it offers to different stakeholders, and why it's the ultimate solution for managing projects efficiently and profitably.

The Challenge: Complex Projects and Fragmented Systems

Managing projects within an organization often requires juggling multiple tools and systems. Traditional project management tools lack seamless integration with financial systems, making it difficult to track and manage project budgets in real-time, or with sufficient detail granularity. Additionally, the complexity of managing resources, schedules, and task dependencies without the right tools can lead to delays, missed deadlines, and higher costs. The inability to forecast project costs accurately or track time spent on tasks also results in poor financial oversight and risk management.

Key Pain Points Addressed by ElitePlanner

1. *Fragmented Tools*: Different systems for project management, time tracking, and financial management lead to inefficiencies, errors and unsynchronized data in disconnected systems, and a greater need for integrations.
2. *Manual Planning*: Manual scheduling and resource allocation processes are time-consuming and prone to mistakes.



3. *Lack of Real-Time Financial Insights*: Project managers and finance teams struggle to track costs and ensure that budgets are adhered to in real-time.
4. *Collaboration Barriers*: Teams often work in silos, making it difficult to stay aligned and communicate effectively across tasks and projects.
5. *File Sharing*: Across teams in the organization, files easily end up in different locations, in different versions, complicating file management.

Introducing ElitePlanner: A Unified Project Management Solution

Everything you do in ElitePlanner is reflected deeply within Microsoft Business Central, providing a seamless, intuitive, and powerful task and project management solution. It combines automated planning, real-time financial insights, file management, time registration and easy collaboration into one platform.

By leveraging the existing capabilities of Business Central, ElitePlanner ensures that all project data—whether it's related to tasks, costs, resources, or timelines—is synchronized in real-time, creating a single source of truth for project teams and decision-makers alike.

Key Features of ElitePlanner

Automated Project Planning

ElitePlanner's intelligent planning engine automatically schedules tasks, allocates resources, and considers dependencies. For each task in a project, you can define parameters like:

- Eligible resource types – 'Only x type resources should be assigned to this particular task'
- Task dependencies – 'Task x has to be completed before task y' etc.
- Daily hours allocated – 'We can dedicate x hours a day to this task'
- Start date
- Deadline

.. and the system generates an accurate project timeline, based on eligible resources, their capacity and availability. The project financials are updated immediately according to the individually booked resources' costs, and within minutes you can have an accurate plan and budget for the entire project, as well as a reliable completion date.



Real-Time Task and Financial Tracking

ElitePlanner provides real-time visibility into task updates and progress, and time spent on each. As tasks are completed and time is logged, the system updates Business Central instantly, providing project managers and finance teams with up-to-date cost tracking and budget analysis.

Collaborative Task Management

Each task in ElitePlanner is a collaborative workspace, allowing teams to share files, communicate via chat, track time, and manage task details such as assignees and deadlines. Notifications keep all team members aligned on updates, ensuring that no critical information is missed.

Customizable Resource Allocation

ElitePlanner enables project managers to define resource types and availability. The system automatically assigns the most appropriate resources based on skills, availability, and project requirements, helping to maximize efficiency and avoid overbooking.

Seamless Business Central Integration

ElitePlanner is exclusively built for Business Central, meaning every update made within the app—whether it's a task update, time entry, or resource allocation—is automatically reflected in Business Central's financial and operational data.

Who Benefits from ElitePlanner?

ElitePlanner is designed for organizations of all sizes looking to streamline their project management processes. However, different users will derive unique benefits from using the solution.

Project Managers

Benefit: Streamlined planning and task management tools that reduce the time spent on manual scheduling and resource allocation. Automated task dependencies and resource matching ensure projects stay on track.

Value: Reduced administrative workload, improved project timelines, and better resource utilization.

Finance Teams and CFOs

Benefit: Real-time financial tracking and visibility into project costs. ElitePlanner ensures that time tracking, and financial data are always synchronized with Business Central, enabling accurate cost forecasting and financial oversight.



Value: Better financial control and visibility, reduced risk of overspending, and improved financial forecasting.

Want to know the exact cost of any particular activity, task, meeting or presentation?

Just create a task for it, and have the involved workers register time on it.

Team Members

Benefit: Simplified task management with clear deadlines, collaboration spaces, and easy access to project files and communications. Automatic updates and notifications keep everyone informed of task progress and changes.

Value: Increased efficiency and smoother collaboration across teams.

Executives and CEOs

Benefit: Comprehensive project visibility, including timelines, resource allocation, and cost tracking. ElitePlanner provides the data needed to make informed decisions about resource planning, project scope, and financial health.

Value: Better decision-making through access to real-time data and a complete overview of project health.

Solving Key Project Management Challenges

ElitePlanner addresses several pressing challenges faced by modern organizations when managing complex projects. These include:

1. *Improved Project Efficiency:* By automating task scheduling, resource allocation, and task tracking, ElitePlanner ensures projects run smoothly from start to finish, without the delays and inefficiencies caused by manual processes.
2. *Real-Time Financial Control:* ElitePlanner integrates seamlessly with Business Central's financial data, giving managers and finance teams real-time visibility into project costs. This ensures that budgets are maintained, and no cost overruns go unnoticed. You decide the granularity of your financial analysis, and you can know the exact cost of each and every single task in the project.
3. *Enhanced Collaboration:* In ElitePlanner, each task is a collaborative workspace, which allow teams to collaborate in real-time, ensuring that everyone stays on the same page. With features like chat, file sharing via SharePoint, time tracking, and instant notifications, project updates and changes are communicated efficiently.



4. *Resource Optimization*: ElitePlanner's intelligent planning engine automatically schedules tasks and assigns resources based on skills and availability. This ensures that projects are staffed with the right people at the right time, optimizing productivity and reducing resource conflicts.

Future-Proof Your Project Management with ElitePlanner

As organizations increasingly rely on project-based work, the need for efficient, integrated project management solutions becomes ever more important. ElitePlanner, powered by Microsoft Business Central, is a next-generation solution that empowers organizations to manage projects more effectively, reduce costs, and improve collaboration across teams.

By combining automated planning, real-time financial tracking, and intuitive task management into one seamless platform, ElitePlanner offers unparalleled value to organizations looking to streamline their project management workflows.

Whether you are a project manager, finance professional, or executive, ElitePlanner equips you with the tools you need to manage projects with greater precision, confidence, and efficiency.

Experience the future of project management with ElitePlanner and take your projects to the next level.

About ElitePlanner

ElitePlanner is developed by Elite It ApS, a leader in business solutions designed to integrate seamlessly with Microsoft Business Central. Our offices are in Esbjerg, Denmark, and our mission is to provide businesses with powerful tools that enhance productivity, streamline workflows, and deliver real-time insights that drive smarter decision-making.

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