

A background image showing a person's hands working on a laptop. The laptop screen displays a spreadsheet with various charts and data. The person is holding a pen and appears to be writing or pointing at the screen. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay.

Curb Your Spreadsheet Cravings

Admitting you have a problem managing projects in spreadsheets is the first step...

Managing complex projects with spreadsheets?

Spreadsheets are useful to keep track of a few tasks or basic projects. But, they can quickly turn into a disaster for anyone in an enterprise setting—where large volumes of projects (with changing timelines and resources) are in flight across multiple stakeholders and geographies.

Still storing files on your laptop?

One of the problems with working in spreadsheets is it automatically puts whatever you are working on into a static file. This keeps your information in a silo and makes it inherently difficult to distribute timely information. Responding in real-time and making immediate adjustments to scope, budget, schedules and resources isn't an option.

Poor communication across teams and departments?

Keeping everyone aligned, engaged and collaborating to deliver the right project, on time and within budget takes planning upfront. Keeping track of multi-year, cross-functional initiatives and prioritizing with correct project sizing, scoring and estimating are not possible with a manual spreadsheet tool like Excel.

Not sure who is working on what?

Data quickly becomes obsolete when it's buried inside a spreadsheet. Moreover, there is no way to set dependencies, nor assign resources. You are left flying blind and are likely going to need to redo your entire plan part way through if any changes in scope or budget happen. You cannot respond in real-time and make the immediate adjustments you need.

Constantly buried in manual updates and processes?

One of the big drawbacks to spreadsheets is that they need to be manually updated. There is no way to automate a workflow or create a repeatable processes, generate alerts or be proactive. There is no way to effectively and efficiently manage intake, approvals, phase gate deliverables or tracking. Governance woes aren't just likely, but guaranteed.

You end up with the administrative task of manually updating the data instead of spending more time doing critical work.

Clueless as to what worked and didn't?

When you are doing your projects in a spreadsheet it just sits there with no context of what's happened before or what will happen next. There is no way to document or templatize or reuse what worked and discard what didn't. What's more, there is no audit trail of the work, so for example a new hire can look over the information and quickly get context and up to speed.

Discover a better way.

From real-time collaboration and automated workflows to full governance and portfolio management—see what a difference a modern project management solution like Clarizen can make.