

Maximising your Oracle platform





Maximising Oracle's full potential

Oracle is a complex suite of powerful application modules; it offers real business benefits if used correctly. Oracle and the Confederation of British Industry recent report believes that adopting digital technologies and better management practices could add £100 billion to the UK economy.

At Prōject (EU) Ltd we know that sometimes organisations struggle to ensure their software realises its full potential.



The typical questions Finance Directors, CFOs and Chief Technology Officers ask about their Oracle software are:

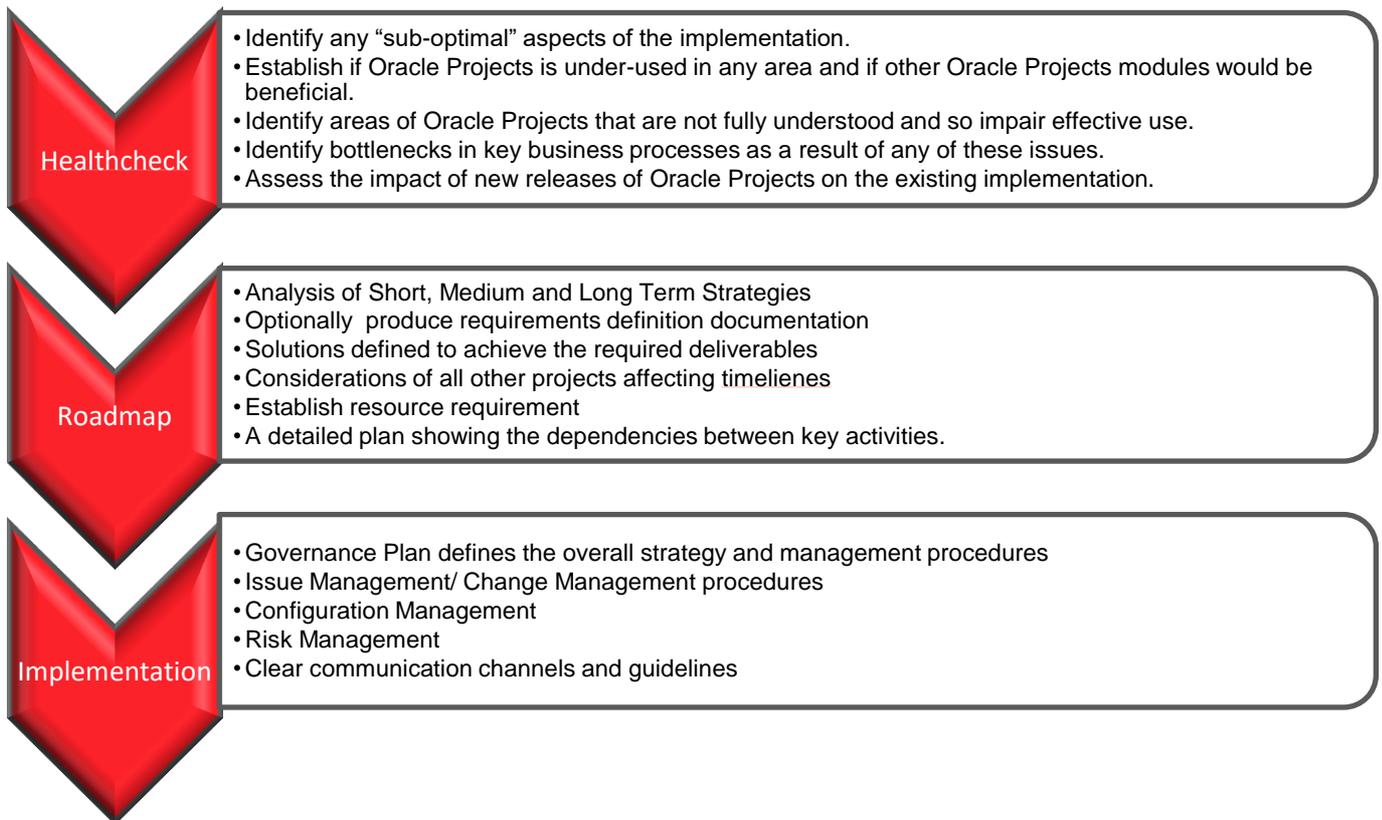
- Are we realising all the business benefits we expected from our implementation of Oracle?
- Is our implementation of Oracle as good as it could be?
- Are some of our business processes now out of step with our software?
- Are we using this software as much as we could?
- Do we know how to use the Oracle systems we already have properly?
- Would an upgrade to a later release help us at all?
- How can we get reliable answers to these questions?

As a niche Oracle consultancy we firmly believe that we can help you get clear answers to all of these questions and enhance how your teams are currently using the product.



Realising the full potential in 3 easy steps

We have developed the Project methodology designed to realise the full potential of the Oracle applications. Our three simple steps identify and improve how an organization uses the Oracle Suite. The team work closely with the organization to identify, analyse and recommend how to maximize the full potential.





1. Healthcheck

Our health check is carefully focused on identifying the obstacles that inhibit full realization of the business benefits of an Oracle Projects installation and set out a high level roadmap by which these obstacles may be overcome.



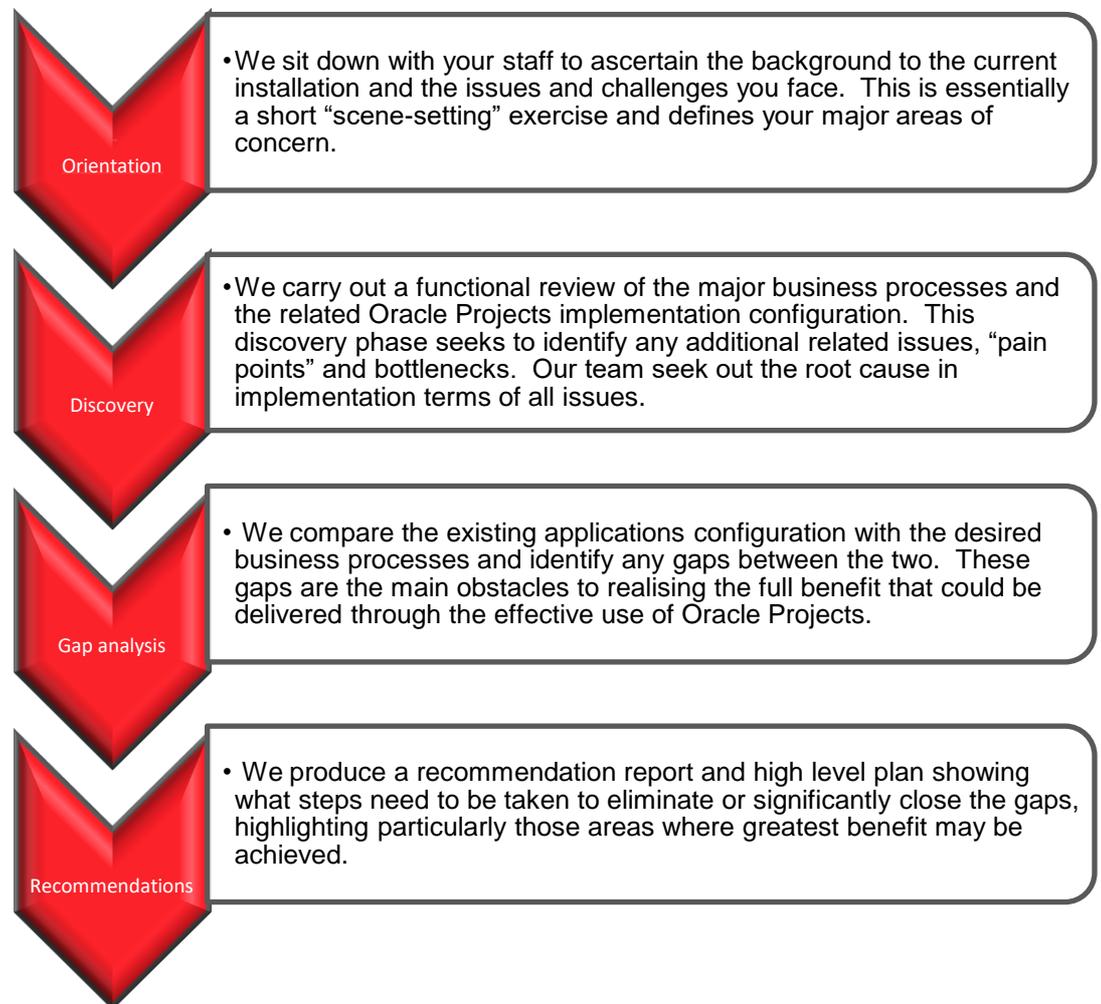
This provides a number of benefits:

- Identify any “sub-optimal” aspects of the implementation.
- Establish if Oracle Projects is under-used in any area and if other Oracle Projects modules would be beneficial.
- Identify areas of Oracle Projects that are not fully understood and so impair effective use.
- Identify bottlenecks in key business processes as a result of any of these issues.
- Identify aspects of business processes that can be streamlined and made more efficient.
- Assess the impact of new releases of Oracle Projects on the existing implementation.
- Identify related software that may complement and improve the existing installation and business processes.
- Identify areas for additional training.



Phases

Our Health Check is made up of four short phases.



Recommendations may include:

- Configuration changes.
- Amendments to business processes.
- An upgrade to a newer release of the existing Projects software.
- Use of additional Oracle applications.
- Additional training.
- Use of complementary third-party products.



2. Roadmap

It is important that business users see a return on investment quickly, therefore any 'Quick Wins' need to be identified and executed as early in the plan as possible. We analyse all the requirements in detail and group the activities into short, medium and long term strategies or as appropriate.

During this detailed analysis phase it is important that the high level timings are considered to ensure that unnecessary duplication is avoided. A detailed plan identifies the milestones and dependencies between key activities. The plan covers:

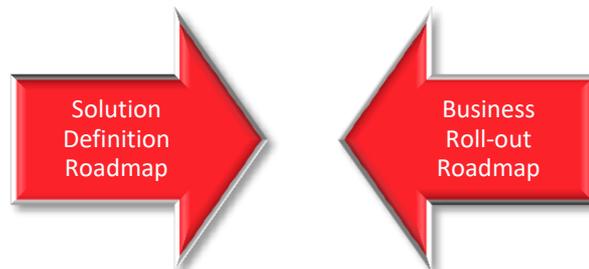
- Analysis of Short, Medium and Long Term Strategies
- Solutions defined to achieve the required deliverables
- Considerations of all other projects affecting timelines
- Establishing immediate priorities if any are apparent
- Establish resource requirement
- Any other factors to consider, e.g. training
- Roll-out plan to the business



In order to produce the roadmap we look at the Solution Definition and the Business Roll-out.

The Solution Definition Roadmap details the most effective way to enhance the system functionality in order to deliver business benefits as early as possible.

The Business Roll-out Roadmap details how the functionality will be adopted by the organization.





3. Implementation

Implementing the plan established in the roadmap phase requires tight control of the project using established project management techniques. The five key elements we look at are:



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