

Openproject - good quality open source project management software

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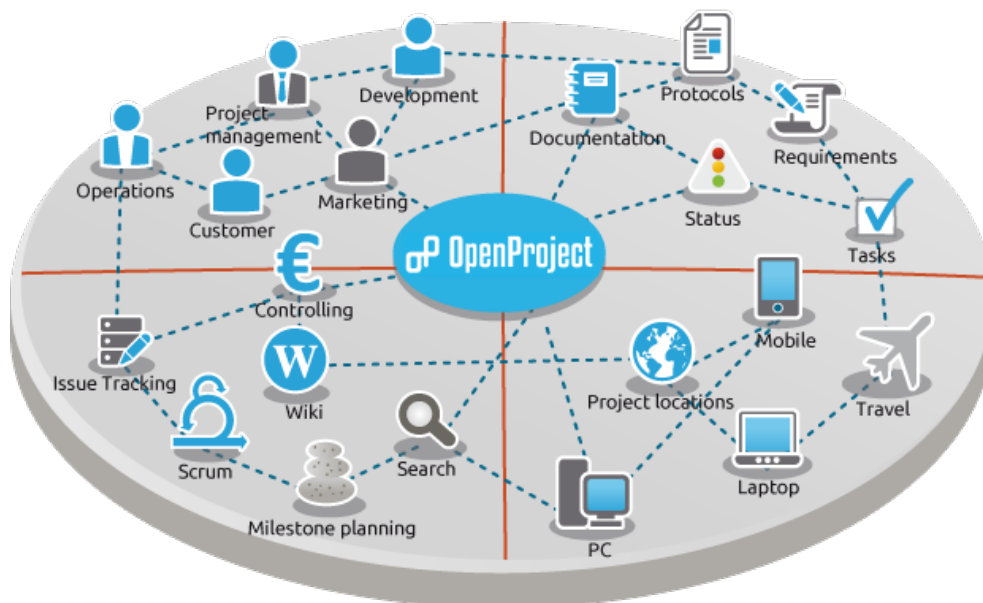
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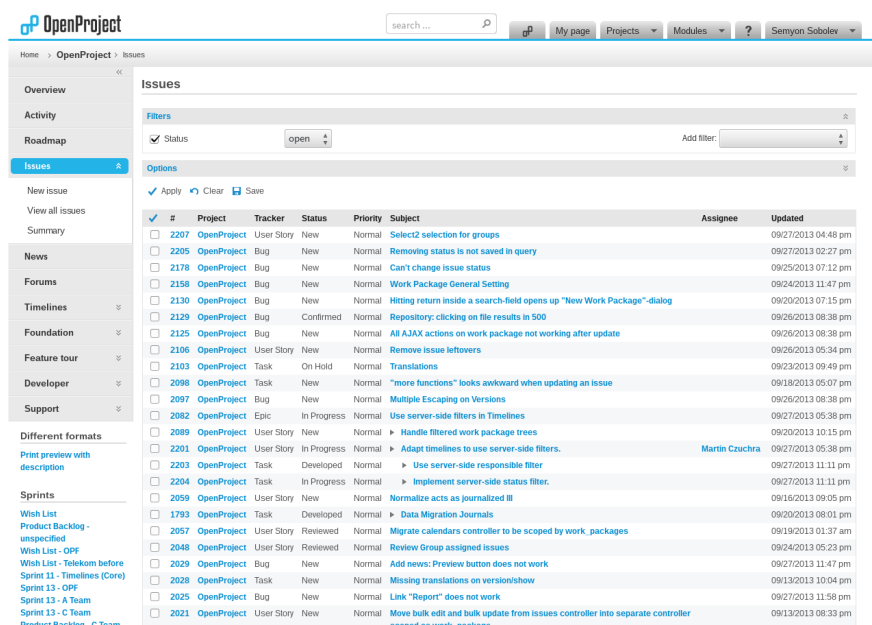


Last week I installed and configured Openproject (<https://www.openproject.org/>). It looks like an amazingly good product. The installation instructions were nice and clear (especially for a non-ruby/rails guy), configuration was quite straight forward.



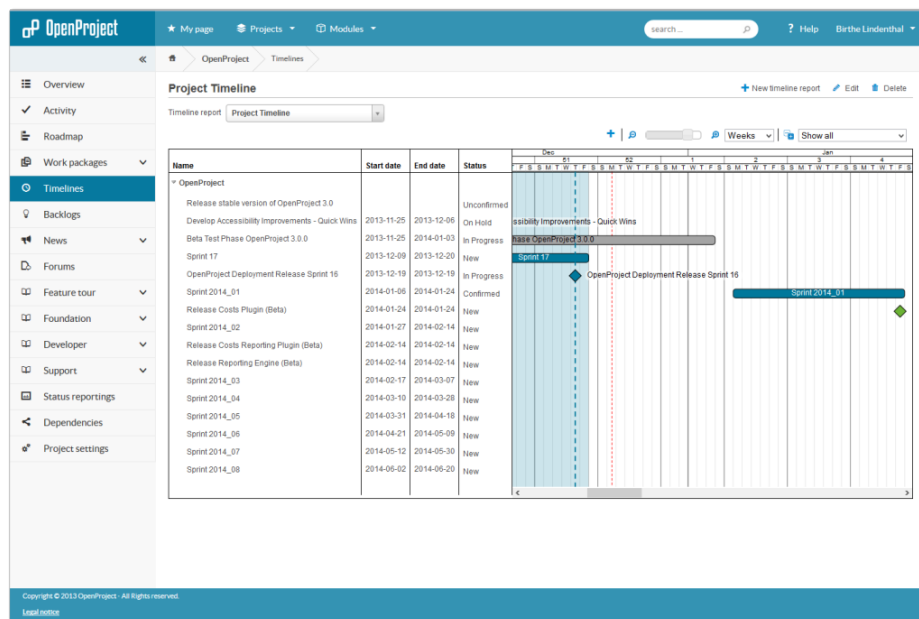
It's essentially a web based alternative to Microsoft Project, things I like:

- It looks beautiful - the web interface is simple, quick and extremely intuitive
- It has extension modules (I've taken a look at the backlog plugin for Agile/Scrum support)
- It allows you to have hierarchical projects
- Great looking reports (including Gantt charts)
- Strong user/group/role creation
- Extremely customisable workflow - it was built to allow people to customise it to their needs
- Open Source license (the price is right!)
- Apache integration (using passenger), really easy to set up
- Great looking email notifications (with backlinks in to Openproject)



Things I don't like about it:

- No support for mercurial in the SCM module (currently only supports subversion and git)
- I couldn't get the LDAP module working against AD
- Would be nice if they bundled a binary distribution (eg. an RPM for linux or a DMG for mac), I think you need some development experience to get up and running.



This blog post will be a rolling review as I spend more time with it, but it looks very stable from what I've seen.

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