

What's New with HPE PPM and Agile Applications?

Questions and Answers

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Q: Is HPE Project and Portfolio Management available on a SaaS platform?

A: Yes. In fact Hewlett Packard Enterprise has a very robust offering around HPE PPM.

Q: What is the latest released version of HPE PPM & HPE Agile Manager?

A: For HPE PPM it is PPM version 9.32. For HPE Agile Manager it is version 2.51 SaaS and 2.50 on-premise.

Q: How is HPE Application Portfolio Management licensed?

A: Hewlett Packard Enterprise Application Portfolio Management is licensed differently than the base HPE PPM Product. There are two licenses. One is a named "Power" user and the other is a Casual user.

Q: Does HPE ALM support custom user stories statuses and phases?

A: I am not sure as I am not an ALM specialist. Yes, via the integration with AGM all Sprint information is synchronized to ALM.

Q: Is it possible to create hierarchy of use stories? One is parent break down into smaller child user stories?

A: Yes, AGM supports multiple levels of hierarchy including parent-child stories.

Q: Same question for PPM. Is it possible to have customer statuses and phases? And is it possible to have user stories in hierarchy (parent/child's)?

A: User Story status and Sprint cycles are synchronized from AGM to PPM. Parent and Child stories would look the same in PPM.

Q: Is the PPM and AGM integration, is it based on Application being the common key connecting the 2 tools?

A: No, we start in the PPM Project work plan and then map to the release in Agile Manager. The name of the application does not need to match. The synchronization is based on workspace/release in AGM.

Q: How to we synchronize high level timelines (say dev and test timelines) of a hybrid project to sprint schedules defined in AGM?

A: Dev timelines would sync from AGM to PPM as part of the Sprint cycle time. Test timelines would need to be manually added into PPM as required.

Q: What does a Project in PPM map to which field/meta data in PPM?

A: : I am assuming the question is what data from HPE Agile Manager maps to what task fields in HPE PPM. The best reference for this is the HP Solution Integration Guide which is part of the PPM 9.30 Documentation library.

- A PPM summary task is mapped to an Agile Manager release
- A PPM summary task subordinate to the Agile Manager release is created for every sprint in the release
- A leaf task is created under the sprint summary task. This represents the Agile Manager user story.
 - Schedule and effort information is sent from Agile Manager to PPM

Q: what are the considerations to map AGM sprints and PPM plan?

A: None, the OOTB Sprint synchronization contains only predefined fields.

Q: Does the SDK work with all other agile management tools?

A: From the Development Guide: PPM Integration SPI is a set of Java interfaces, which defines how 3rd-party applications can be integrated with Project and Portfolio Management (PPM for short). Basic Java or JSP Programming knowledge is mandatory to walk through this document.

Q: Can we sync resource planning data from Agile tool (like Rally) to PPM Resource Management (resource planning)?

A: The scheduled effort is brought over from Agile Manager to the PPM workplan.

Q: How is the PPM tool integrated in the remaining HPE landscape (e.g. AGM, ALM) to cover whole application lifecycle end-to-end? What integrations are out of the box available? What additional data transfer is manually needed?

A: Hewlett Packard Enterprise Project and Portfolio Management offers several out of the box integrations. Looking at the planning (PPM), Execution (Agile Manager), and testing (ALM) areas PPM would have the integration with Agile Manager so that complete work plan data is available to the project team with estimated effort. Agile Manager would send defect and other information to ALM. And PPM would consume the combined testing metrics through the view project quality metrics.

Q: How customizable is the PPM tool in regards to own status values, counts, flags etc. to implement customer specific lifecycles?

A: HP PPM is extremely configurable (as opposed to customization). Status values are 100% configurable. Counts and flags can also be configured.

Q: on hybrid projects, will you be able to see the activity from both perspectives (agile & waterfall) in one location?

A: Yes, within PPM.

Q: On Hybrid projects, do you need to first create the shell in PPM to get the data from Agile manager?

A: No, adding the link to an agile project automatically creates all of the required structure in PPM.

Q: At what level does the interface feed from Agile to PPM? Can it transfer Epic/Theme level without transferring the Story and Task level to the PPM Work Plan?

A: The OOTB integration only supports integration based on Sprint/User Story. Epic/Theme integration would require a customer interface use the REST APIs.

Q: Is the data coming directly from the Agile tool at the time it is displayed? Or is the graph built from data copied into PPM from the agile tool?

A: It's based on the time it's displayed. The graph data is not copied to PPM. The data is transferred to PPM from Agile Manager in real time.

Q: Do you recommend Agile App releases to be managed in PPM, AgM or both?

A: Currently it should be managed in AGM and synced to PPM.

Q: Is there a comparison between Agile Manager and PPM with JIRA?

What does PPM do that CA and Oracle don't?

A: A detailed comparison is out of scope for this venue however one of the biggest advantages is that both PPM and Agile Manager have out of the box integrations with the HPE testing tools. These integrations cover the entire software development process.

Q: Can you show Gartner or other analyst positioning of HPE compared to competitors'?

A: Every analyst house has many different reports for the wide variety of HPE Software products. HPE has not licensed the distribution rights for all of these.

Q: Can you show some client credential or use case?

A: Without the customer consent we can't use or provide customer names. However we can talk in general terms. For instance, it was mentioned that a county in California deployed Application Portfolio Management and was able to document actual savings of multiple millions of U.S. dollars in a single year.

Q: do you plan to answer the Gartner and competition questions after the call?

A: No.

Q: Is there an integration tool/functionality available to allow PPM integration with a non-HP Agile tool like Rally?

A: Yes, the PPM team provides a SDK to integrate PPM with non HPE agile management tools. It is available on HP Live Network.

<https://hpln.hpe.com/contentoffering/agile-manager-integration-plug-ppm>

Q: The graphs shown in the hybrid project tab can be configured by query or it comes OOB. If not any settings wherein we can add or modify the options legends i.e. testing, etc. that are shown as options?

A: Currently the hybrid project graphs cannot be modified.

Q: Do you have a roadmap for HPE PPM? What upgrades you have planned for future versions? Are there dates for those updates?

A: Unfortunately because of United States government regulations we cannot release roadmap information without a non-disclosure agreement and some other legal documents.

Q: Is there any linkage between AM console and the Epic/User Story repository?

Can APM be integrated with QC?

A: There is no direct integration between Asset Manager (AM) and PPM. The answer to the question on if APM (Application Portfolio Management) be integrated with QC is probably, using REST web services. There are three different integrations between PPM and ALM (Application Lifecycle Management)

- PPM and ALM Requirement
- PPM and ALM Defects
- PPM and View Quality Metrics

Q: Can the work plan support a hybrid plan? Agile and Waterfall tasks?

A: Yes. That is the whole basis for the integration between HPE Project and Portfolio Management and HPE Agile Manager.

Q: We had an initial demo of Agile Manager and it was understood that data can be passed from PPM to AM but not the other way around. What do you mean that there is a 'bi-directional APIs provided by Agile Manager'?

A: The synchronization is currently one direction from Agile Manager to PPM. The Agile Manager REST APIs allow for data to be extracted or inserted to AGM as needed creating a bi-direction interface.

Q: If PPM consumes data but not able to pass data to AgM, how is this bi-directional?

A: The OOTB integration is not bi-direction. Bi-directional integration is possible by utilizing the REST APIs in both Agile Manager and PPM.