

CA Clarity™ PPM 13.1

The following are questions CA Clarity PPM customers may have regarding the release of CA Clarity PPM 13.1.

Benefits of CA Clarity PPM 13.1

Q: What benefits are there for customers to upgrade to CA Clarity PPM 13.1?

A: Building off the success of CA Clarity PPM 13.0, version 13.1 adds new features in resource capacity planning, budget merge or replace, and financially enabled roles in addition to continued navigation and user interface improvements.

Some of the benefits of the new features for 13.1 are:

- Improved cost plans and budgets and financially enabled roles. Previously, cost plan were based on resources requiring assignment of a specific named resources to the plan, regardless of whether those had been formally identified yet. Now, plans are at a higher level, associating roles rather than individuals, for example “Architect”. This helps with long-term planning and improves forecasts. Additionally, you can choose to merge or replace budgets.
- Improvements to the resource planning tabs, including two new portlets. The new flow is designed to go from higher level planning views down to detailed booking information. The filters across all portlets have been standardized for a common experience and present your organization resource data from multiple angles depending on what your focus is.
- New visual histogram of capacity and demand. This helps planners see immediate capacity gaps and investment data on the same view and is surfaced from the Resource OBS perspective on the top and the Investment OBS perspective on the bottom.
- New portlet for top-down resource planning. It allows sorted investments with resource allocations for both named resources and roles with a hierarchical planning for resource allocations by investment.
- Additional language support for Traditional & Simplified Chinese, and Korean.
- WCAG 2.0 Accessibility Support, which is a standard required in some countries, especially by Australia by the end of 2012.

Q: Remind me of what was new in CA Clarity PPM 13.0?

A: Released in December 2011, version 13.0 simplified the user experience, improved time-to-value and provided agile innovation.

Simplified User Experience: We've given CA Clarity PPM an entirely new interface designed to make the user experience faster and easier. Fewer clicks to perform tasks accelerate user productivity, simpler navigation and an intuitive interface increase the rate of adoption.

- Consistent UI and simple navigation across the solution improves the user experience, such as streamlined menus and interactive Gantt charts contribute to enhanced productivity. Intuitive interface accelerates user productivity, requires less training and increases user adoption.
- Fewer clicks to complete tasks such as in-line editing, auto-suggested values and interactive tools further simplify managing and accessing information.

Rapid Time-To-Value: Functionality has been added to bring a faster time-to-value and an easier upgrade for On Premise or On Demand customers.

- End user personalization enables users to personalize views, and save favorites for easier access to frequently-viewed information.
- Automated financial management optimizes allocating investments and resources.
- Personalized project management includes improved dashboarding to make data relevant by role.
- Upgrade directly from 12.x releases (except 12.1.2).
- Broad browser support utilizing HTML5.

Agile Innovation: Add-on components for ideation, requirements planning, and agile planning with the functionality you've come to know from CA Clarity PPM.

- Best practice agile and traditional methodologies, including managing a hybrid of methods within the same project.
- Source ideas from your customers or community of users, vote on favorites, and seamlessly turn ideas into requirements and projects.
- Chatter and virtual walls help internal communities refine the requirements planning process and Agile development for faster delivery.
- Roadmap visualization delivers graphical representation of releases in a roadmap view that enables users to navigate across a timeline to see and evaluate releases and associated features.

Only CA Technologies provides one solution that can manage Agile, waterfall and hybrid methodologies easily within the same project, and tracked in one place.

Summer 2012 Release of CA Clarity Agile and CA Clarity Requirements

Q: What are the new names for CA Agile Vision, CA Product Vision, and CA Idea Vision?

A: As of CA Clarity PPM 13.1, the Vision products have been renamed with the Clarity brand to more clearly show their connection with CA Clarity PPM and their strengths as one solution.

The new names are:

- CA Clarity Agile (formerly CA Agile Vision)
- CA Clarity Requirements (formerly CA Product Vision)
- CA Clarity Ideation (formerly CA Idea Vision)

Q: Does the Tasktop integration available with the Summer 2012 release connect ALM tools directly with Clarity?

A: No, TaskTop does not connect directly with Clarity. CA Clarity Agile and CA Clarity Requirements integrate with ALM tools via Tasktop, but there is not a direct integration with Clarity.

Q: Are there any additional costs to Agile Vision and Product Vision customers for Tasktop integrations?

A: No, the Tasktop integration capabilities are included with CA Clarity Agile and CA Clarity Requirements at no additional cost.

Availability & Upgrading

Q: When will CA Clarity PPM v13.1 be available?

A: CA Clarity PPM v13.1 is generally available as of September 21, 2012.

Q: Is CA Clarity PPM v13.1 available for all environments?

A: Yes. CA Clarity PPM v13.1 is available for On Demand, on-premise, and hosted environments.

Q: Is there a charge for migration?

A: No. Customers with an active maintenance contract are eligible for a no-charge software upgrade from CA Clarity PPM 12.1 to CA Clarity PPM 13.1.

Documentation is available to help customers prepare for their upgrade to CA Clarity PPM 13.1 and can be viewed at <https://support.ca.com/>.

Q: Is there any difference between the On Demand and on-premise or hosted versions of CA Clarity PPM v13.1?

A: No. There are no functional differences between these CA Clarity PPM delivery models.

Q: What steps should CA Clarity on Demand customers take for the upgrade to CA Clarity PM 13.1?

A: Most customers will be scheduled for migration to 13.1 by the Support team.

However, On Demand customers can contact support.ca.com to request the upgrade to CA Clarity v13.

Q: What CA Clarity PPM versions are able to migrate directly to CA Clarity PPM v13.1?

A: Customers on the following versions of CA Clarity PPM can update to 13.1:

- CA Clarity PPM Release 8.1 or Service Pack or Fix Pack 8.1.x
- CA Clarity PPM Version 12.0 or Service Pack 12.0.x
- CA Clarity PPM Release 12.1 or Service Packs (Including patches 12.1.0.1 – 12.1.0.8; 12.1.1.1 – 12.1.1.7; 12.1.2.1-12.1.2.3; 12.1.2.3; and 12.1.3.1 – 12.1.3.3)
- CA Clarity PPM Release 13 or Service Packs and supported patches 13.0.1.1 through 13.0.1.2

Upgrade documents are available on the support.ca.com and [CA Clarity PPM v13.1 book shelf](#)

Services, Training & Support

Q: What services are available to CA Clarity PPM 12.1x customers for upgrades?

A: The CA Clarity PPM Upgrade Assessment is available to assess readiness, risks, effort, and to reduce the impact of change.

The CA Clarity PPM Upgrade Assessment helps to ensure an efficient upgrade based on CA best practices, current implementation assessment and documented future needs. Recommendations to mitigate risks are identified in the examination of current implementation and requirements for upgrade to v13.1. It includes documents for a high-level schedule with scoping estimates and assumptions and helps to clarify client and CA resource requirements and plan resource availability. The assessment details actions, timeframes, owners and stakeholders for outstanding items, decisions, and readiness steps prior to start of the upgrade process. Additionally, it fosters collaboration between client and CA to identify specific actions to reduce risk and the impact of change on users. Contact your account manager for more details or go to www.ca.com/services for more information.

Q: Is training available? Is the CA Productivity Accelerator (CAPA) available for CA Clarity PPM v13.1?

A: Training curriculum is available, including CAPA content, web-based training, and instructor-Led courses.

Go to www.ca.com/education to find available courses. Contact your CA Education Services Representative to find out details about CAPA content. CA Clarity v13.1 requires the latest version of CA Productivity Accelerator, CAPA v11. For current CAPA customers, CAPA v11 and updated content for CA Clarity PPM 13.1 are available on www.support.ca.com.

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