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Oriel enterprise system

Licences for this Web-based strategic change management software, from Tapster Rock, can be purchased outright, or it can be run as a managed service hosted by the vendor. It's a comprehensive enterprise programme management system with an unusual focus on the way it presents information.

The 'Strategy' module is designed for executive use. They determine the company strategy and govern its implementation, laying down objectives and defining targets that measure, in numerical terms, what results are expected. Programmes and projects are linked to the objectives that they serve. Among the excellent report screens is a 'scorecard' showing how each programme/project is progressing and what contribution it's making towards company targets.

The purpose of the 'Portfolio' module, used by management coordinators, is to prioritise and resolve risks, issues, exceptions and the like and also contains a powerful reporting function. I was particularly taken with the traffic-light screen used to ensure that the definition of benefits, costs, resources milestones, risks, issues, deliverables, decisions, changes and phases for all projects and programmes has been completed. I also liked the dependency chart showing the criticality of relationships between projects.

The 'Initiative' module, which processes the project data, is a tool used by implementers to help them deliver projects.

A 20/30 user licence for a medium-sized installation would cost approximately £20,000 including about two weeks' set-up and training consultancy. A managed service incurs similar set-up costs with a monthly service charge of about £3,000 thereafter for up to fifty users.

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