



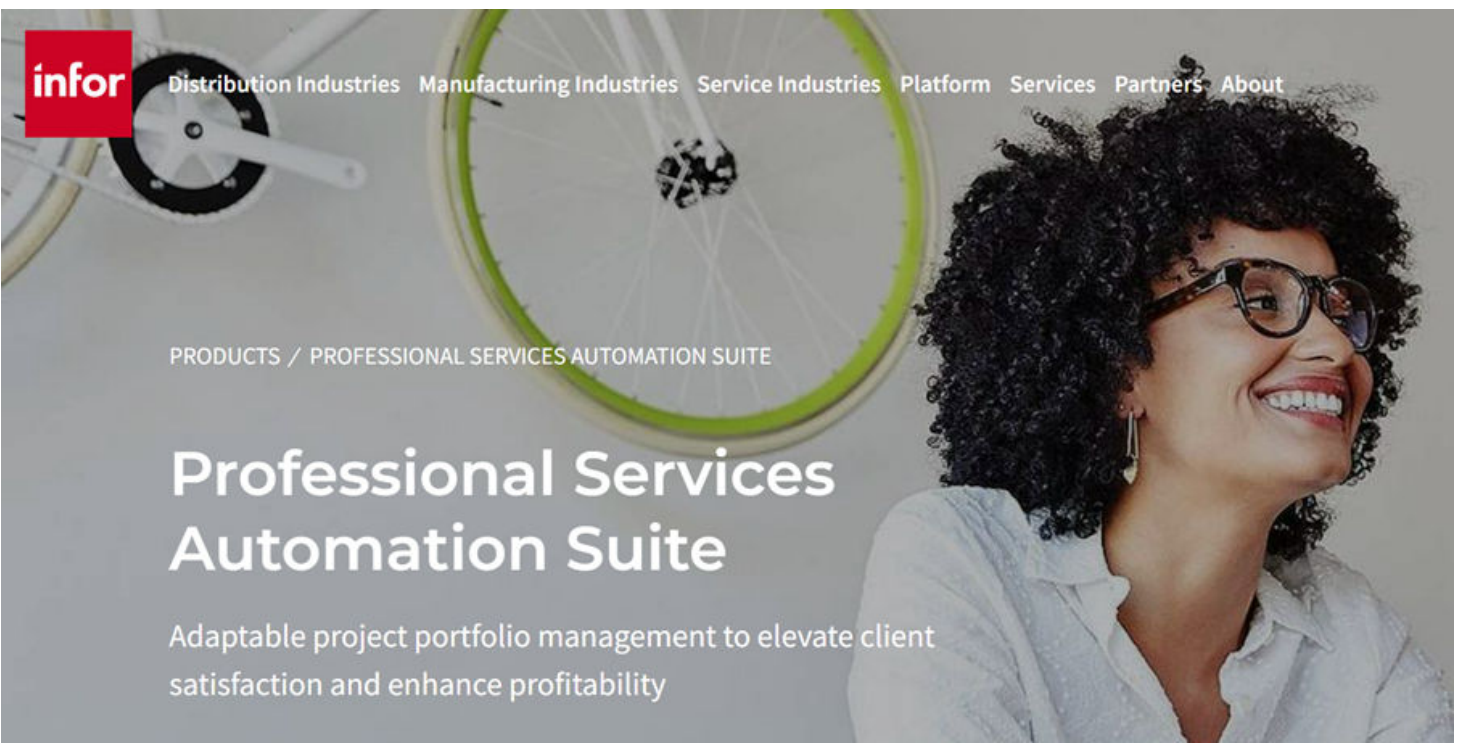
## Reconstruction for Future Growth



I am renovating my cottage. Well, someone else is doing the work, but because I am so invested in the outcome, it feels like I am personally laying every brick. The project kicked off and walls were knocked through before I could blink. Luckily the weather was set fair, and we were soon waterproof. Building works is now underway with plumbers, brick layers, carpenters, plasterers, and numerous others. All of this requires a central project manager to ensure that no-one is sitting drinking tea, but the job is ready at 7am for the right person to start.

The theme for today's newsletter is how to deliver on technology projects which are subject to the same juggling act of moving parts of people and processes. And, alongside that, how do you waterproof your new solution or upgrade?

## Infor Project Management



Fundamental to any project is visibility as everyone needs to see where they fit into the process and flow. In essence, what needs to be done, by when and by whom, to ensure the end game is reached on time. The Infor solution is a Professional Services Automation Suite (PSA) that provides adaptable project portfolio management for tracking and managing projects. The suite offers features like resource management, scheduling and project management integrated to MS Project, with time and expense tracking, budgeting, forecasting and assessments. The reporting elements are particularly strong with a 360-degree view of all actions and interactions which it provides by linking critical project financial data to the accounting system – this ensures optimal budget and margin management and project flow.

Another Infor ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) solution that includes project management capabilities is Infor M3. The M3 project portal provides a single-entry point to access detailed project information by project number or by project associated to customers. This solution offers a highly configurable suite for bespoke and unique projects.

In our experience, these tools are only as good as the data and people assigned and when it comes to project management, you need a professional. We pride ourselves on bringing the right professionals to the project party, with our experienced consultants. A little like my house, it is worth finding the right man for job as there are plenty of cowboy builders out there.

For more information - [Infor Professional Services Automation](#)

## Waterproofing your Upgrade



Where possible, future proofing your systems requires a move to the cloud to ensure continuity, security, and flexibility. Interestingly, there has been a slower uptake of ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) solutions being taken to the cloud as there is a common misconception that agile practices are not applicable to ERP implementations.

However, INFOR dispels this myth with their own explanation of a modern ERP implementation and provide actionable, agile, practices that everyone can apply.

These practices speed up the transformation and delivery of a modern cloud ERP solution. The speed to market and return on investment justifies this move and increasingly customers are seeing and understanding the benefits.

For more information [HERE](#)



# Tips for Managing ANY Project



There are some common themes that run through any project, be that for an offshore wind farm or a simple system update. Here are a few tips to help keep things under control.

**Management** – who is ultimately responsible for delivery as it is essential you have a defined line of command, so you know where the buck stops.

**Resources** – what materials, equipment, licenses, or insurance do you need. Whether large or small, list the items and any resource limitations or delivery timescales to ensure you have what is needed.

**Objective and Scope** – these need to be defined and documented with processes mapped so that there is no confusion as to what is IN and OUT of scope. This will avoid lengthy disputes or extra costs mid-project.

**Communications** – define a rhythm and method of communications. It is no good if everyone expects an email once a week and instead, they receive a WhatsApp message once a month. Tailored communications are required for different audiences; those who need details, those who need the technical explanations and those who need an executive overview.

**Project Management** – the process and tools being used should form part of the management strategy on how the project is to be delivered and communicating this to the team will set expectations of what everyone can expect.

**Sustainability** – this looks at the ongoing maintenance to keep the infrastructure working post implementation and this will reduce long-term costs. It also refers to the impact on the environment, waste management, etc.

**Schedule and Budget** – obviously deadlines need to be reached while remaining in budget however, sometimes the unforeseen happens and the most important aspect of managing this is communications. Don't wait and hope things will get back on track – keep everyone informed.

**Stakeholder Management** – all parties need the opportunity to voice their objectives and expectations, and this can enable everyone to be onboard and invested in the project. Leaving anyone out is the quickest way to generate conflict.

Some useful resources on Project Management

- [Project Courses on LinkedIn](#)
- [Project Management Tools and Techniques](#)
- [Benefits of Project Management Software](#)

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## Supply Chain Clarity for Mega-Project Era



"Why is supply-chain key?" is the question being answered by a LinkedIn LIVE session that discusses the trends in the Oil and Gas industry; addressing the challenges users face and the opportunities to modernise. The Oil & Gas industry is experiencing many challenges with geopolitical conflicts, economic uncertainties, and volatile prices. This is set against a backdrop of the fact there are 70 mega projects current underway and so it is crucial to make the supply chain more resilient and projects more predictable with clearer visibility and transparency for stakeholders and wider audiences.

This live event was earlier in September, but it is still available on-demand for those who register. Discussions will revolve around better materials management and optimising supply chain clarity in uncertain times.

[Oil and Gas On Demand Briefing](#)

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## Upcoming Industry Events



- [The PMI Global Summit](#) in Atlanta Georgia on 25 - 28th October
- [Networking Event for Global Majority Women Project Managers: November 9th](#)
- [Project Management Masterclass in London: November 27th](#)
- [The Autumn Office Management Show](#) - November 28th

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