Stay in Control of Your Projects' Finances with

Project Budgets!

HOW DOES THE PROJECT BUDGETS FEATURE WORK?

- The Project Budget feature displays planned billings or costs.
- Actuals versus Planned View compares your planned budget against what you are actually spending.
- Budgets are automatically archived as new budgets are approved.

WHAT CAN THE PROJECT BUDGETS FEATURE DO FOR ME?

- Provide you with a clear overview of your project's expenses and profitability.
- Help you to identify budget variances with customizable color coding.
- Display up to five budgets side by side to make comparing them a snap!

Set Up Budget Properties

Enter Budget Items

Compare and Approve Budgets, Set Up Color-Coding, and View Actuals vs. Planned Values
Create New Project Budget Form

Click the **Create** button and select **Project budget** to get started. Use the Create New Project Budget Form to set the basic framework for your budget.

Name your project budget, give it a date when it was created, and select whether it’s a Project, Phase, or Task level budget.

Define the **Cost** for cost-based budgets, or both **Cost** and **Profitability (%)** for billing-based budgets. The Billing field is automatically calculated based on Cost and Profitability (%).

If you select **Get planned billings from Agreements and Customer POs attached to the project**, the Billing value is the sum of all agreements and customer purchase orders attached to the project. Selecting this option locks the Billing value; the Cost and Profitability (%) fields can still be edited and will adjust to changes in either.

The **Currency** is set in the Project settings.

Expenses can be entered by **Service** (i.e. administration, consulting) or **Job Code** (i.e. consultant, senior engineer)

Click on > **Create** to set ranges for color coding in the Compare screen. If global color coding has been set for your company, you can also check **Use global color coding**. For more information, see **Color Coding in Actuals Screen** on page 4 of this guide.

To enable these features, please contact OpenAir Support and request the **Enable project budgets**, **Enable project approvals for project budgets**, **Task on Purchase request** and **Contingency factor setting (Use simplified contingency)** switches. Then, navigate to Administration > Application Settings > Projects Settings > Project Stages and select **Project budget** for a stage to enable the feature in.

Set how labor is imported.

Set default optimistic and pessimistic contingency factors when creating budget entries. You can set a company default in Administration > Project settings > Project budgets.

"Optimistic" and "Pessimistic" can be renamed in Terminology.
Budget Grid Screen
The Budget Grid allows you to see and edit all of your budgeted costs. Items can be added quickly and edited without leaving the grid.

Click headings to sort the data in ascending or descending order.

Select the budget and version you would like to see here.

View your budget by money or time and quantity.

Select Show billing to view billing-based budget figures in the periods section of the budget. Selecting Show billing locks all values in the periods section.

Select the period to display.

Select the budget properties here.

Click Add to add a new budget item, Quick Add to open a picker to add a budget item, or Import from bookings or task assignments. In all cases, the item can be edited directly in-line, rather than in the form used for Add.

Expenses

Clicking Add under an expense category opens up the Expenses dialog, where you can provide details for each expense item.

Quick Add lets you select an expense (i.e. Business meal, car rental) and adds it to the grid. You then add all details in-line, rather than in the form used for Add.

Phases are dark grey. Blue fields indicate a task’s start or end date. Light grey expenses can be edited in-line.

The Budget overview tab shows your budget’s totals and remaining funds.

The Budget info & settings tab contains basic budget information, including the budget name, dates created and modified, parent budget created from, and budget status. It also includes settings for using rounded values, enabling auto save, and not using prefix task names with task IDs. You can also Import Task assignments here.

The Agreements tab displays each agreement affecting your project, including the budget name, total agreement amount, planned usage, and remaining agreement funds.

The Compare tab allows you to select a Base budget to display and a Budget to compare it with.
Actuals Screen
Compare your planned budget against reality.

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Select the budget and version you would like to see here.

The Filter field allows you to type the name of a specific category which you would like to display.

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Click here to refresh the data in the cache which appears onscreen.

Icons Used in Budgeting Interface

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<td>Edit Budget Item in Budget Grid</td>
<td>Import Task Assignments - click to import Task Assignments from the project instead of entering them manually</td>
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<td>Delete Budget Item in Budget Grid</td>
<td>Cog Icon - Click to select options for rounding values or Auto saving changes made in the budget grid</td>
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<td>Information Icon - point to this to get more information about the budget</td>
<td>In top right of budget view, indicates that a budget cannot be edited</td>
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<td>Sort Rows</td>
<td>Clone - Creates a copy of the budget</td>
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<td>Expand All Rows</td>
<td>Delete - Deletes the budget</td>
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<td>Expand Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) - hides individual expense items to display only phases and tasks</td>
<td>Submit - Submits the budget for approval</td>
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<td>Collapse All Rows</td>
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Agreements and Compare Screens
Find your project’s agreements or customer purchase orders and compare multiple budgets in one view.

Each agreement and customer purchase order linked to your project is displayed here, including their name, total agreement amount, planned usage, and remaining agreement funds.

Billing budget entries are deducted from agreements in chronological order.

The Compare Screen, combined with the Compare tab, allow you to view multiple budgets side by side. Select your base budget and additional budgets to add in the Compare tab. The Compare Screen will update to display each budget.

To remove a budget from the display, use the dropdown list for the budget you want to remove and choose "Select..."

You can compare a maximum of 5 budgets in the Compare screen.

### Compare

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**Total**

- **Dec 2013**: $19,948.80, $19,948.80, $19,948.80
- **Jan 2014**: $16,812.08, $16,812.08, $16,812.08

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Color Coding in Actuals Screen

Navigate to Administration > Application Settings > Projects Settings > Project budget options [Company wide color coding] and click > Create to define company-wide budgeting colors.

Type number values to define the range for percentage of planned / actual.

Click on a dropdown list to set the color for each range.

For the upper range, 999 acts as "infinity."

Color coding definitions can be set by an Administrator for the whole company, or by the creator of the budget. Both are enabled when creating or editing a budget (See Create New Project Budget Form on page 1 of this guide).

The Actual values in the Actuals screen will be color coded according to your ranges.

Lighter shades are used for cells which are empty or contain 0.00.
Budget Approvals
View all budget versions for approval, automatically reject unapproved submitted budgets, and archive old approved budgets

Multiple versions of the same budget can be viewed, submitted, or approved.

Approved budgets automatically cause other submitted budgets to be rejected. Previously-approved budgets are archived, so only one approved budget exists.

Click a lock button lock to keep this column and all preceding columns in view when scrolling horizontally.

Financials: Project budget

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Approval history

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<td>Approved by Marc Collins</td>
<td>Automatic approval: The approver is the same employee as the submitter</td>
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Give selected users the power to un-approve budgets. To enable this feature for a user, go to Administration > Global Settings > Users > Employees > [Select a user ID], scroll to Projects Options, select the “Allow the employee to un-approve a project budget” option, and click Save.

To un-approve a budget, go to Projects > Projects > [Select a project] > Project budgets > [Select an approved project budget] > click the edit icon, and click Submit/Approve. In the Approval History screen, click the “Click here” link in the un-approve message to un-approve the budget.