

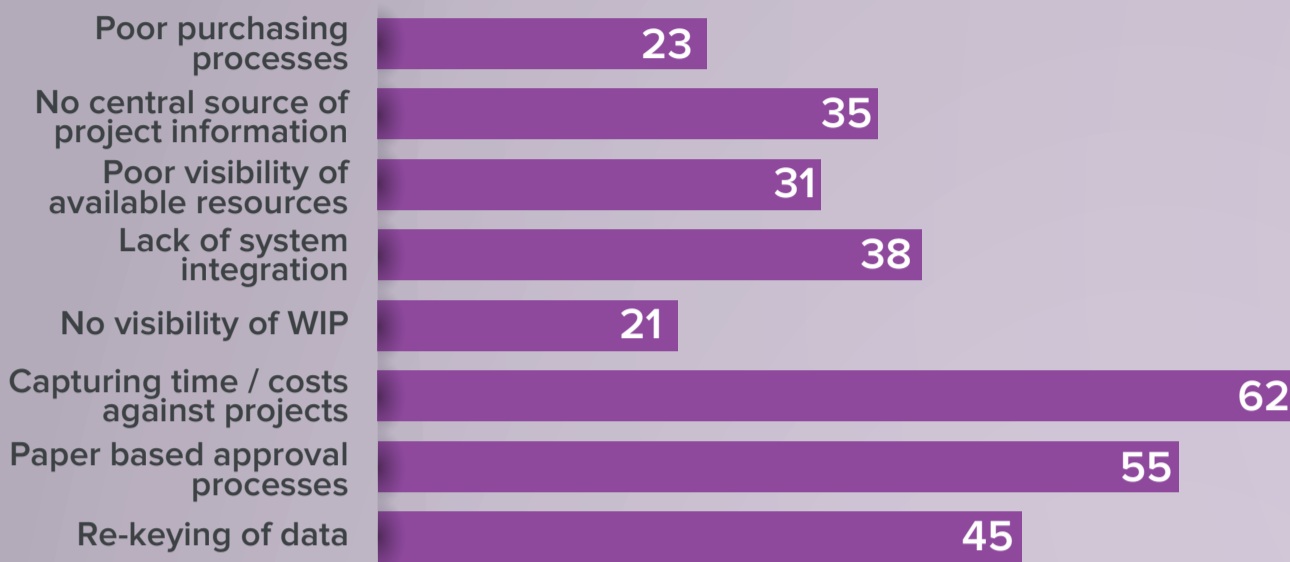
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PROJECT LESSONS FOR 2014

A project management software survey

A 2013 survey asked 100 UK project and service based organisations their thoughts on the key challenges and pain points faced when running projects.

Business challenges



62%

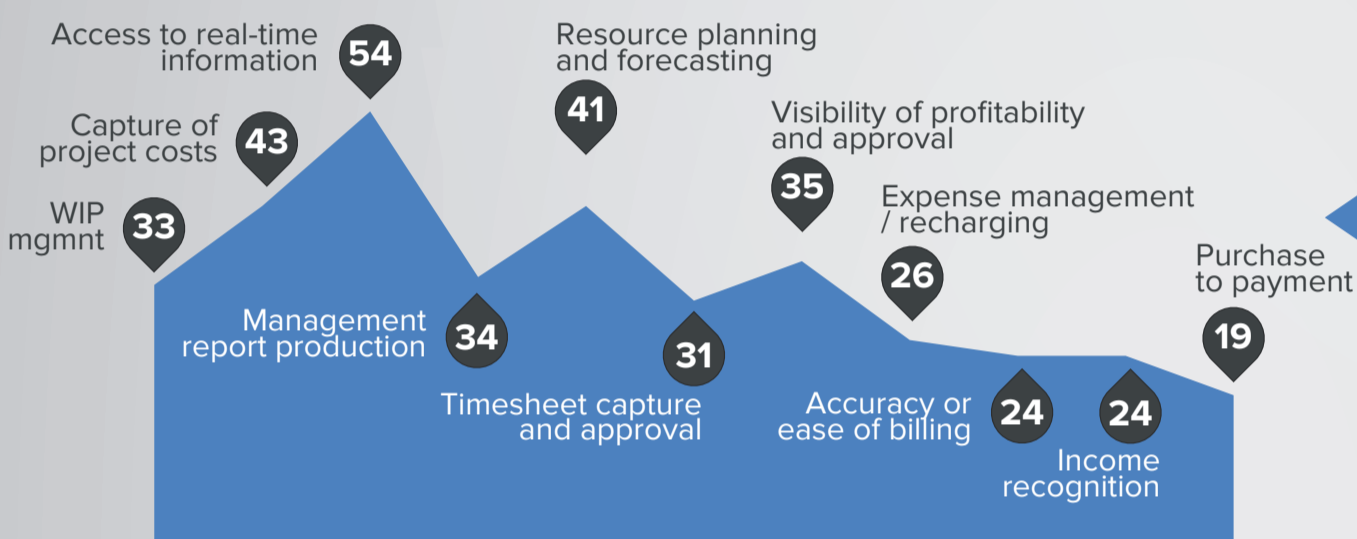
identified 'capturing time/costs against projects' as their biggest challenge

LESSON 1

The rising importance of software integration

With a multitude of processes with each project, software needs to slot into working practices quickly and easily. Cross-departmental integration needs to be considered, including increased visibility over HR, payroll, credit control and document automation data, plus improving resource allocation and purchase to payment process.

What could be improved?



54%

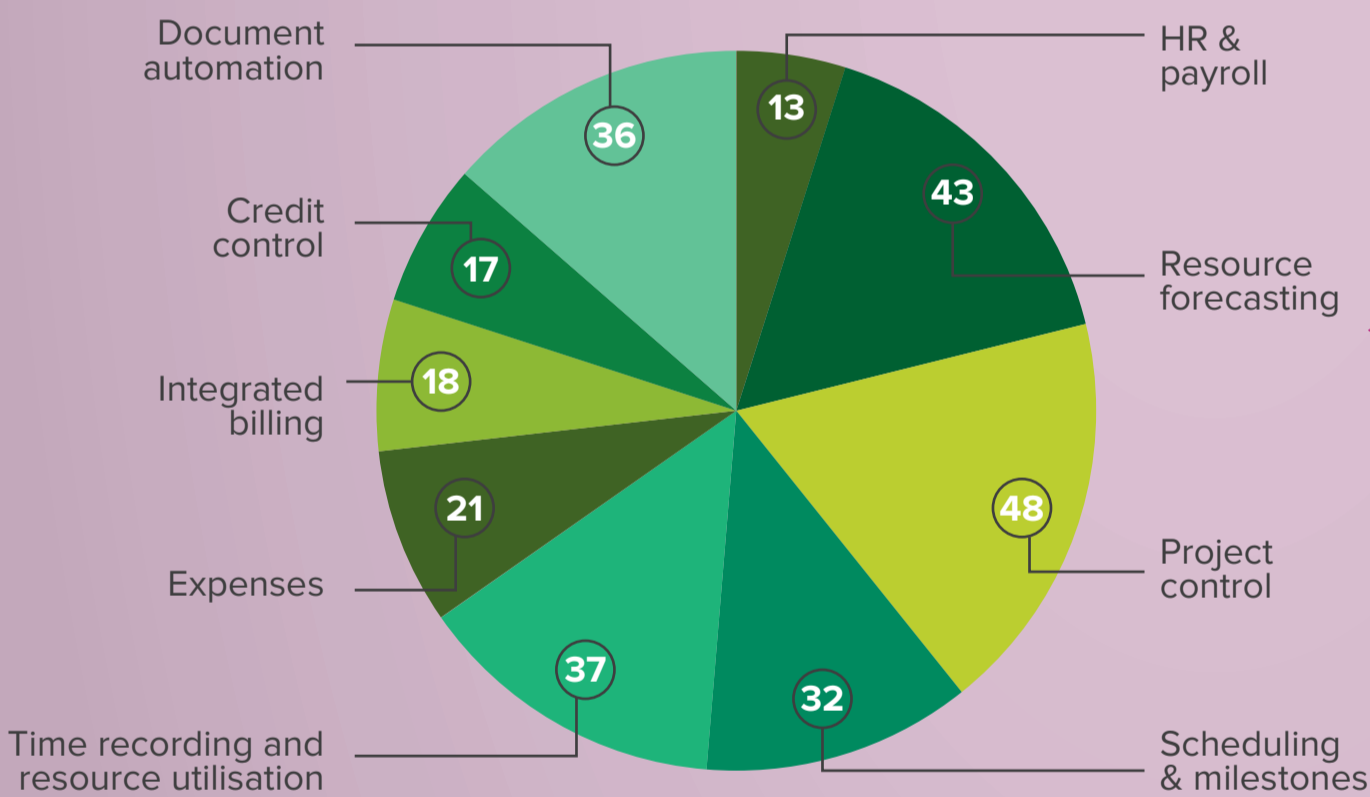
feel that capture of project costs could be improved with their organisation

LESSON 2

Find true value in numbers

Software that places measurable values through every step of a project opens up opportunities to streamline processes, whilst reducing inefficiencies. Rewarding and incentivising project teams becomes easier using this data, to identify top performers and drive employee engagement and project productivity.

Lacking visibility



48%

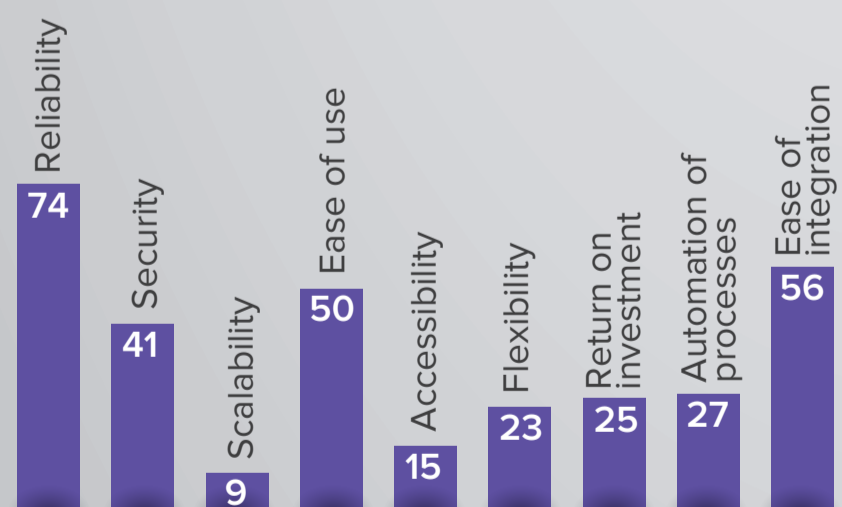
lack the necessary visibility over data to keep their projects under control

LESSON 3

Visible projects are happy projects

Software that allows visibility over projects, accessing vital information is instant, key stakeholders can take early action over problem projects and performance can be analysed at any stage. Ensuring project delivery matches expectations can only result in happy clients.

The 3 most important requirements



TOP3

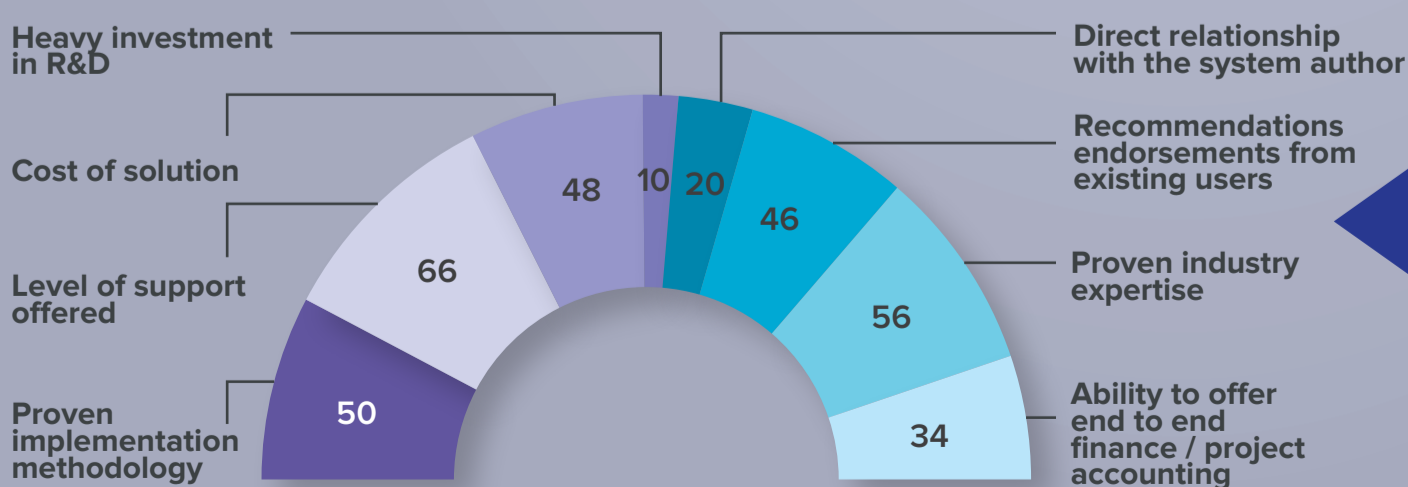
features project professionals expect from their software are reliability, ease of use and ease of integration

LESSON 4

See physical documents as a project enemy

Automating document management can eliminate rekeying, clerical errors, chasing of handover documents and the need to re-request client information. Each time documents are amended or created, the latest information is also made instantly available to all project stakeholders too.

Key factors in new software decisions



66%

identified level of support as the primary factor for new software decisions.

LESSON 5

You're not alone

When investigating new software vendors, to succeed... seek advice about the best practice methods for implementing a project management software system that really suits both your immediate and long term business needs.