

Comparison next project / light / trial

This document presents the key differences between the free version next project light and the full version next project as well as the differences between the full version next project and the trial version next project.

Difference next project light / next project

Tabs/ project management methods	next project light V4.1	next project V3.3
Cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › button to print the entire handbook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › admin mode available › import of project data › date of when baseplan was saved
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › selection of methods for screen and print (incl. requirements by task complexity)
List of changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › simple form
Project assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › button to transfer information from detailed planning › organisation is administered directly in the assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › button to transfer information from detailed planning/organisation
Project organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › input of project organisation via project assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 50 people can be assigned to the project team, project steering committee, 2 freely definable staffs and 9 freely definable subteams
Contact information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › simple form, people from project organisation are transferred
Description of pre-project phase and post-project phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › simple form
Project stakeholder analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › limited to 8 environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › limited to 34 environments
Data entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › limited to 50 tasks and 3 levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › limited to 500 tasks and 9 levels › alternative entry via compact screen › optional: network planning available (max. 10 predecessors per work package) › additional options and functions (e.g. delete baseplan) › MS Project interface and project handbooks can be consolidated (e.g. program) › lines/columns can be filtered › 20 resource types and 10 manual cost types selectable
RACI-Matrix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › not available › only one responsibility for work package is defined 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › extract from data input › allocation of R, A, C, I
Work breakdown structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › one defined layout, no options › 3 levels can be displayed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 3 pre-defined layouts › 5 levels can be displayed › Parts of the WBS can be displayed
Workpackage specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › not available › possible in the comments section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › content, results and evaluation of performance progress can be documented › wp-specifications can be exported and imported (also folder-wise)
Project milestone plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › identical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › identical
Project gantt chart (multiple scale options)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › fixed weekly scale › fixed 3 levels and baseplan available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › scale selectable from days to quarters › options for display of levels, milestones, baseplan and links available. › linked gantt chart supported › progress is displayed

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Overview resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ combined overview resources/costs ➤ expenses not differentiable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ details as an extract from the data entry and addition of various graphics in overview resources ➤ 20 resource types per project available
Overview costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ combined overview resources/costs ➤ 2 cost types available (one calculates from efforts and one manual) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ details as an extract from the data entry and completion of various graphics in overview costs ➤ 15 cost types per project available (5 automatic, 10 manual)
Project communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ simple form
Project ground rules and documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ simple form with insertable icons
Project risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 50 risks can be administered in a table ➤ Graphic display of risks available
Change request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ simple form for up to 50 CRs including graphic display
Status report (historizable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ content can be exported in separated files 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ content can be historized (up to 100 status reports recordable) ➤ while in admin mode, saved reports can be edited and/or deleted ➤ selection of status reports per form
Project close down report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ open work packages transferable to open tasks
To do list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ identical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ identical
Admin mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ password can be changed ➤ Must-values on content sheet can be changed ➤ Saved status reports can be edited and/or deleted ➤ master data can be imported ➤ administration of resource and cost types, as well as units and category fields is possible
Import project handbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ import is possible via selection screen
Additional features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ export / Import interface to next portfolio
Master data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ fixed one resource type (staff) ➤ fixed one automatic cost type (costs for staff) & one manual cost type (other costs) ➤ no category fields available ➤ units fixed in € and PD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 200 resource types, as well as 195 manual and 5 automatic cost types definable → of these, the user can select 20 resource types as well as 10 manual cost types on the data sheet ➤ 10 category fields with up to 50 attributes fileable
License/Validity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the free version next project light is not licensed and can be freely used, but it is not an open source product. Notes about the owner (next level holding) must not be removed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ unless otherwise defined, a full version is licensed indefinitely
Customizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the tool can be customized according to the customer's specification
Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ can be downloaded on the website for free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ is acquired through and provided by next level solutions

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Difference next project trial / next project full version

Restrictions	next project TRIAL V3.3	next project full version V3.3
Validity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the trial versions runs 3 months, after this time the tool can still be opened but it can no longer be used operationally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ unless otherwise defined, a full version is licensed indefinitely after purchase
Data sheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 10 phases (level 2 in the wbs) ➤ 100 tasks in total ➤ 4 levels ➤ import of project handbooks is not possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 20 phases (level 2 in the wbs) ➤ 500 tasks in total ➤ 9 levels
WBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ display of 3 levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ display of 5 levels
Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ can be made available as part of a next level academy training ➤ will be provided in coordination with next level solutions in a customer-specific form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ is acquired through next level solutions

Interface between tools

Tool	Interface import project handbook into full version
next project light	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The import of project handbooks into the full version is available and provided with limitations. ➤ If the full version was customized, the import of project handbooks has to be adapted and budgeted.
next project trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The import of project handbooks into the full version is available and provided. ➤ If the full version was customized, the import of project handbooks has to be adapted and budgeted.

You can find an overview of key features, technical requirements and screenshots on the website, where you can also download next project light for free, as well as the manuals for these tools. For detailed questions about the tools or an optional customizing please contact us by phone or e-mail.