

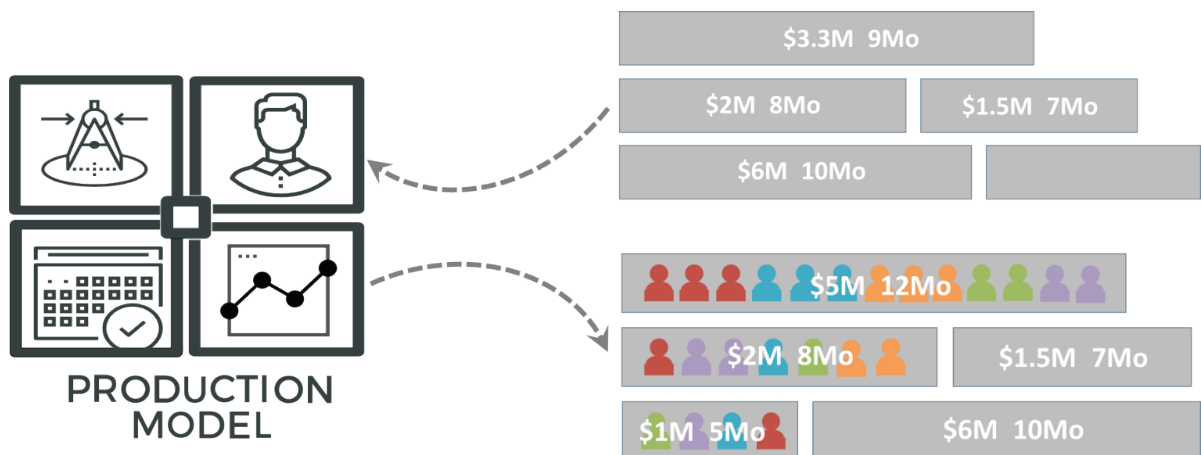
SLIM PPM Connector™ for CA PPM

Reliable Resource Demand Projections at the Proposal Stage

Do you face the challenge of resource management, from both demand and supply perspectives?

QSM's integration between SLIM-Estimate and CA PPM provides a dynamic link between estimates and projects (or ideas) so you can confidently approve and prioritize projects within your portfolio. SLIM-Estimate produces detailed resource demand plans from ROM estimates quickly, positioning you for agile, effective decision making.

What are the project budgets and schedules based upon? How do you know if you have the human resources to turn ideas into successful projects? SLIM-Estimate determines if your project goals are achievable, suggests alternative solutions that minimize risk, and computes the specific resources you will need and when. You choose priorities that balance project value, risk, and resource supply.



SLIM PPM Connector Gives You the Power to ...

- ~ Validate initial project estimates from CA PPM against QSM industry trends and your history to ensure that planned and budgeted cost and schedule goals are realistic.
- ~ Calculate alternative defensible estimates based on scope and your capabilities, then update cost and budget on the Financial Summary page.
- ~ Prioritize projects based on resource demand to ensure the right people are available at the right time.
- ~ Easily adjust initiation dates to avoid overcommitting key resources and avoid resource conflicts.
- ~ Quickly see how budget and schedule changes impact project resource requirements, and whether the associated risks outweigh the rewards.
- ~ Identify resource shortages in time to acquire the needed skill set.
- ~ Specify resource needs by characteristic, such as location, specific skill, or experience level, and reserve resource placeholders.
- ~ Quickly review cost options based on alternative resource characteristics and team skills mixes.

How Does It Work?

Strategic projects and ideas have been identified and entered into CA PPM. You need to prioritize your portfolio to maximize the value stream, while meeting your budget goals. You need to know if the resources each project needs will be available when they are needed. SLIM-Estimate takes your proposed cost and schedule data and determines project feasibility based on scope and the group's proven capabilities. Perhaps the cost is reasonable, but the schedule is aggressive. SLIM-Estimate lets you quickly compute cost, schedule, and scope tradeoffs to find the solution that meets your strategic goals and delivers the most business value.

Different projects require different skill sets. SLIM-Estimate workbooks can be configured with typical resource mixes for various project types (software, package implementation, or infrastructure). The effort required for each resource type is computed based upon when those resources are needed throughout the life cycle. SLIM PPM Connector uses SLIM's two-level resource allocation strategy, along with CA PPM cost and resource configuration options, to compute individual project team resource placeholders, including start date, finish date, and hours needed.



What Is Required?

SLIM PPM Connector is an extension to SLIM-Estimate that runs on desktop computers or file servers. Your IT specialists can configure enterprise and individual user settings to meet your access needs. SLIM PPM Connector can be customized to work with the way you use CA PPM.