



## iPlanWare TeamWorks: Case Study

### Activlingua

iPlanWare TeamWorks helps project and service based organisations work smarter, perform better and deliver projects faster.

By seamlessly integrating tools for project control, scheduling, project accounting, resource management, time and expense tracking and issue and risk management, iPlanWare TeamWorks provides collaborative project management with a low cost of ownership.

**Activlingua** provides software for interactive teaching and learning of English as a foreign or second language using the world leading Promethean Activclassroom.

Interactive whiteboards and learner response systems are at the cutting edge of teaching and learning languages in classrooms, enabling individual learners to interact using wireless handheld learner response systems and a large interactive multi-media display.

Activlingua were embarking on a large multi-media development project and needed a way to connect distributed project team members.

### Fast Facts

- TeamWorks supports a distributed project team.
- Offshore and onshore development partners use the TeamWorks software.
- Technology that did not get in the way of business was essential.
- Flexibility and ease of use were key criteria when selecting a solution.

## The need for a collaborative project solution

The kind of multi-media publishing project that Activlingua was embarking on had never been undertaken before. Activlingua needed to hire experienced teachers who were subject matter experts and train them to use and develop using the software and hardware technology.

Activlingua hired skilled and talented teachers wherever they lived, trained them, provided an environment within which they could collaborate and manage output and quality. Activlingua took the view that they did not need to be in the same place all the time so needed a flexible and accessible system that was easy for a non technical person to use.

Given the collaborative nature of the development process they needed staff to work individually as well as in teams which meant it was important they could manage versions of the developed software and documents. Activlingua needed a system that would require minimal technical support, it had to run itself.

## TeamWorks connected the content producers

Activlingua used TeamWorks to hold all documents and files and organised them so that by using version control, they would not lose recent work. Their staff had flexible working patterns so needed simple access via a web browser at any time.

An offshore development partner in India was also engaged in the development process and shared project documents and information, working seamlessly in the same system workspace. SKYPE was used for online voice collaboration.

Alan Walker explained, "We initially evaluated a number of different alternatives including peer to peer technologies but it seemed obvious that TeamWorks offered the ideal blend of functionality, flexibility, ease of operation and just as important we met the people and found them to be professional and responsive."

"iPlanWare also had some impressive large scale implementations which meant we did not anticipate any risks in going ahead with TeamWorks. The pricing system also seemed straight forward and value for money." explained Alan further.

## TeamWorks proved the right choice

After five years of operation and a number of upgrades Activlingua have never experienced any downtime as a result of the system - in fact they take it for granted!

*"TeamWorks has proven to be the right decision and we would not hesitate to recommend it to others who need technology that does not get in the way of the business.*

*We evaluated a number of systems and found that TeamWorks offered everything we needed. The features are comprehensive and the software so reliable and easy to use that non technical users can get up to speed with minimal training. We have been delighted with the support, reliability and responsiveness of TeamWorks. It has proven its worth and enables us to take it for granted."*

*Alan Walker - Head of Global Alliances Promethean*

## About Activlingua

Founded in 2003 Activlingua develop ground breaking interactive content that can be used in any classroom. Activlingua has since been acquired by Promethean Limited.

Promethean is a global leader in interactive learning and assessment solutions. Its award-winning products enable educators to prepare better lessons more quickly and more easily, improving learners' attention, motivation and learning. Promethean is headquartered in the UK; its products are distributed through a global network of partners in over 70 countries. [www.prometheanworld.com](http://www.prometheanworld.com) or [www.prometheanplanet.com](http://www.prometheanplanet.com).

## About iPlanWare TeamWorks

By seamlessly integrating tools for project control, scheduling, project accounting, resource management, time and expense tracking and issue and risk management, iPlanWare TeamWorks accelerates project delivery and optimises resource usage.

Available as an installed or Software-as-a-Service solution, iPlanWare TeamWorks lets you prioritise your projects, optimise your resource usage, monitor overruns and identify problems early. It simplifies project reporting and lets your project managers leverage best practice to accelerate project delivery.

### iPlanWare TeamWorks capabilities

- Planning and resource scheduling
- Project and programme management
- Timesheets and expenses
- Portfolio management and dashboards
- Resource management
- Resource forecasting
- Team collaboration
- Project accounting

### About iPlanWare

Our growing customer list consists of organisations of all sizes across Europe, North America, Middle East and Australasia.

They come from a broad range of project based organisations, including consulting, professional services, advertising and PR. They also include internal IT departments, programme management offices and technology companies.

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