

QSM SLIM Suite

Grip on software investments



The QSM Advantage

The Intelligence
behind successful
software projects



As pioneers and innovators in the management field since 1978, QSM is more than a company; it's the philosophy that defines our mission.

Our goal is to help our clients become world-class project developers so they can deliver world-class projects. QSM provides superior products and services that enable our clients to measure, estimate, and control projects with confidence. QSM tools and methods can help you negotiate achievable goals, set realistic expectations and communicate more effectively with your colleagues and customers. QSM has established itself as the leading total solution provider of choice for analysts in high-performance, mission-critical environments..

QSM Project Database

The QSM database is the cornerstone of our business. We use validated metrics collected from 12,000 completed projects to keep our products current with the latest tools and methods. The metrics also allow us to support our benchmarking business, to keep our customers informed as they move into new areas, and to develop better predictive algorithms.

Since we began building our database in 1978, we have collected project data continuously. QSM has added 200-400 validated projects each year during the last five years.

Our primary source of data comes from our clients, some of whom allow QSM to include their project data in the database. QSM also collects data, by permission, through its ongoing consulting work in the areas of productivity assessments, estimates, and cost-to-completes.

SLIM-Estimate[®] Project Estimation Tool

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What If Success Was Predictable?

Just imagine: your project is hailed as successful. It is completed on-time, on-budget and on-target. You get rave reviews from customers and management alike. And you can't wait for the next challenge.

To most organizations, it could only happen in dreamland. In the real world, you are constantly pressured to be faster-to-market, do more-for-less and exceed customer demands – predicting success is risky business. What if there were a way to eliminate the guesswork?

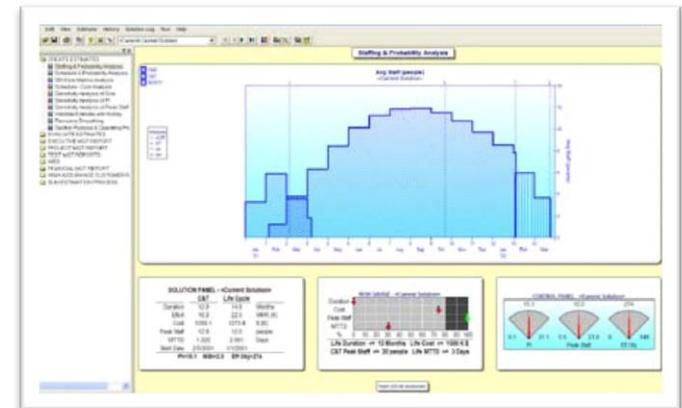
Now You Can Stop Imagining.

There is a real solution to help you get there. Predictably. Effectively. Precisely. With full control and mitigated risk. It's called SLIM-Estimate from QSM, the company that delivers the intelligence behind successful software projects.

SLIM-Estimate Gives You the Power to

- Estimate the duration, cost, reliability, and risk of your project
- Provide macro-level and detailed estimates in less time. Days can be saved in the planning process.
- Estimate at the portfolio level using SLIM-MasterPlan[®]
- Tailor your estimate to any design process
- Provide a scope estimate early, before any task level planning occurs
- Sanity check your estimates with Industry benchmarks to see what is reasonable for your particular project

**Sanity Check Your Estimates
with Industry and Your Own History**



SLIM-Control® Project Tracking Tool

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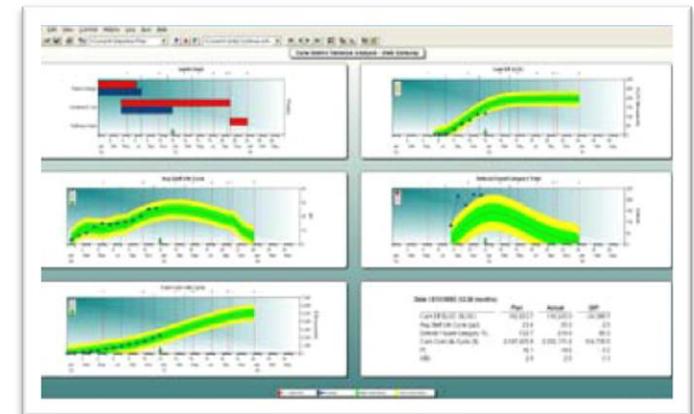


SLIM-Control Gives You the Power to Predict and Achieve Software Success in Real Time

SLIM-Control is the proven assessment tool of choice by organizations who can't afford to fail. From leading Fortune 500 companies to emerging-growth software companies, across government and commercial organizations, project managers harness the power of SLIM-Control to ensure that projects meet budget, reliability, and scheduling expectations over the entire lifecycle of the project and in the predictable future.

With This Powerful Project Oversight and Adaptive Forecasting Tool, You Can...

- Provide project oversight and plan versus actual analysis
- Provide a macro-level view of the project's ongoing performance
- Track at the project level and with SLIM-MasterPlan® the portfolio level
- Re-Estimate based on changes that occur on the project
- See early warnings with traffic light monitoring when project goals are not being achieved
- Use the API to interface with other tools
- Measure project level productivity and evaluate management alternatives throughout the project lifecycle



Project Oversight and
Adaptive Forecasting with SLIM-Control

SLIM-Metrics® Project Benchmarking Tool

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Do You Use Historical Data to Improve the Success Ratio of Your Projects?

You've probably heard that those who don't know the past are doomed to repeat it. Nothing rings more true when you don't have the ability to apply sensible benchmarks that could have helped you avoid costly mistakes and achieve higher efficiencies. You are not alone. Seasoned project managers, just like you, have dreamed about having an intuitive, flexible, and expandable tool that enables you to easily perform historical data collection and analysis. Your search is over.

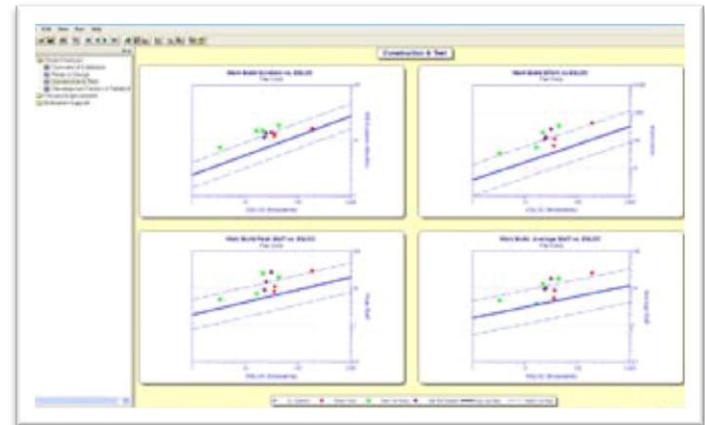
With SLIM-Metrics, You Can Collect Meaningful Data for Unlimited Customized Analyses

From leading Fortune 500 companies to emerging-growth companies, across government and commercial organizations, project managers harness the power of SLIM-Metrics to empower process improvements and enable increased productivity by applying the lessons of past projects to optimize current and future performance.

QSM Offers SLIM-Metrics Packaged with SLIM-DataManager® for Metrics Analysis, Benchmarking and Data Repository

- Analyze projects once they are completed
- See which projects need improvement and which are leading the pack
- Capture history and create custom metrics for your organization
- Use the API to interface with other tools
- Create custom trendlines, queries, and views to analyze your projects
- Show your project return on investment and provide a better understanding of organizational capabilities

**Benchmark with Industry
and within Your Own Organization**



SLIM Collaborate™ 2.0

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SLIM-Collaborate is the “light and lean” cloud-based version of QSM’s flagship project estimation, tracking, and benchmarking suite. With a streamlined structure and simplified user interface, the product endows more people in more positions at more places in an enterprise with sophisticated project estimation intelligence – improving visibility, transparency and global collaboration.

SLIM-WebServices Gives You the Power to:

- Estimate duration, cost, reliability, and risk via the Web using only minimal inputs
- Allow all stakeholders to make informed decisions based on empirical data
- Estimate at a project and organizational level while operating as a secure hosted application
- Designate access controls to project files across multiple levels within the organization
- Tailor your estimates to any design process
- Import project files from SLIM desktop application
- Leverage cutting edge industry benchmark analysis



Legitimacy of QSM



QSM is an independent institute providing insight into the feasibility, predictability and transparency of larger software development projects and complex package implementations. QSM has a specialized unit of certified professionals who determine the size of projects unambiguously. These units play an important role in offering project transparency and project predictability.

Based on the size of the project, feasible project scenarios can be drawn.

QSM, an independent organization, offers services and tools to support this specialism. One of the most valuable assets that contributes to project transparency and project predictability is our database with 12,000 completed and anonymous projects, filtered by market segment and geographic regions.

QSM offers these services in the startup phase, during the project implementation phase and when the project is completed. In all these phases, the information provided by QSM is 100% fact-based. QSM performs these services independently or implement them in the client organization.

To ensure its objectivity, QSM avoids active participation in projects.





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