TASKMASTER

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

TASK OUTLINE EDITING	• Powerful outliner speeds project and task description • Collapse/Expand enables you to view tasks and sub-tasks in as much or as little detail as you wish • Expense/cost tracking by task, summed by group task allows thorough tracking of project expenses and budgets • Customizable task numbering scheme supports your internal standards, as well as WBS, serial, and family schemes • Task information stored in spreadsheet form, featuring collapsible headers, resizable columns, and group summaries • EMACS-style quick keys enable rapid navigation and editing, between and among cells • Smart date cells support freeform data entry ("three days ago," "next Monday," etc.) • Infinite undo/redo of all operations • Schedule On/Off button speeds data entry on large projects
SCENARIOS AND PROJECTS	• Intuitive Scenario Manager supports plan/actual, infinite "What If's?" • Project linking between documents • Flexible worktime definitions • Template projects are bundled with TaskMaster for quick project creation
SCHEDULING	• Eight constraint/target date types, available through pop-up menus • User-definable resource assignment priorities (by cost or utilization) • Priority-based resource schedule levelling
GRAPHICS AND DATA VIEWING	• Interactive Gantt chart enables a graphical representation of the project and resources, and supports point and click schedule modification • Symbols, colors and bars are completely customizable • Variable time scale (days, weeks, months, years) • User-configurable resource load histogram corresponds to Gantt chart, and scrolls "live" with it to simplify cross referencing of tasks and resource loads • Users can print out Gantt charts and schedules by page or tape together a wall size banner for complete viewing
RESOURCE EDITING	• Users can work with an unlimited number of resources, departments and hierarchical resource departments (such as "engineering," or "writers") • Resources are assigned to tasks by simply dragging and dropping the resource onto the task bar—or by clicking a button for instant multiple assignment • Extensive budget tracking feature allows $/use and $/day cost tracking by resource • Auto-listing of assigned/unassigned tasks
DATA SHARING	• Reads legacy data from Microsoft Project™, MacProject™ and AutoPlan™ files • Import/export CSV and tab-delimited text for task and resource data • Copy/paste resource and task hierarchies between projects • Data rich PERT graphics available through Diagram! 2—just open a TaskMaster document in Diagram!, and it will display as a PERT graphic • "Open" ASCII file format can be read/written by custom applications
REPORTING	• Assignments by task • Expenses are assigned by individual and group tasks • Assignments/utilization by resource or department
PRODUCT AVAILABILITY	• Available now for NEXTSTEP 3.1 or later • Available in Q3 '94 for Hewlett-Packard's PA-RISC workstations • Available in Q4 '94 for Sun Microsystems' OpenStep™ Architecture • Includes complete user manual, sample project templates, and on-line help and documentation • Technical support and training contracts are available • Site license and runtime licensing available
FOR MORE INFORMATION	• Call 1-800-366-2279 or +1-415-570-7736 • Send electronic mail to taskmaster@lighthouse.com • Over the internet, http://www.lighthouse.com/

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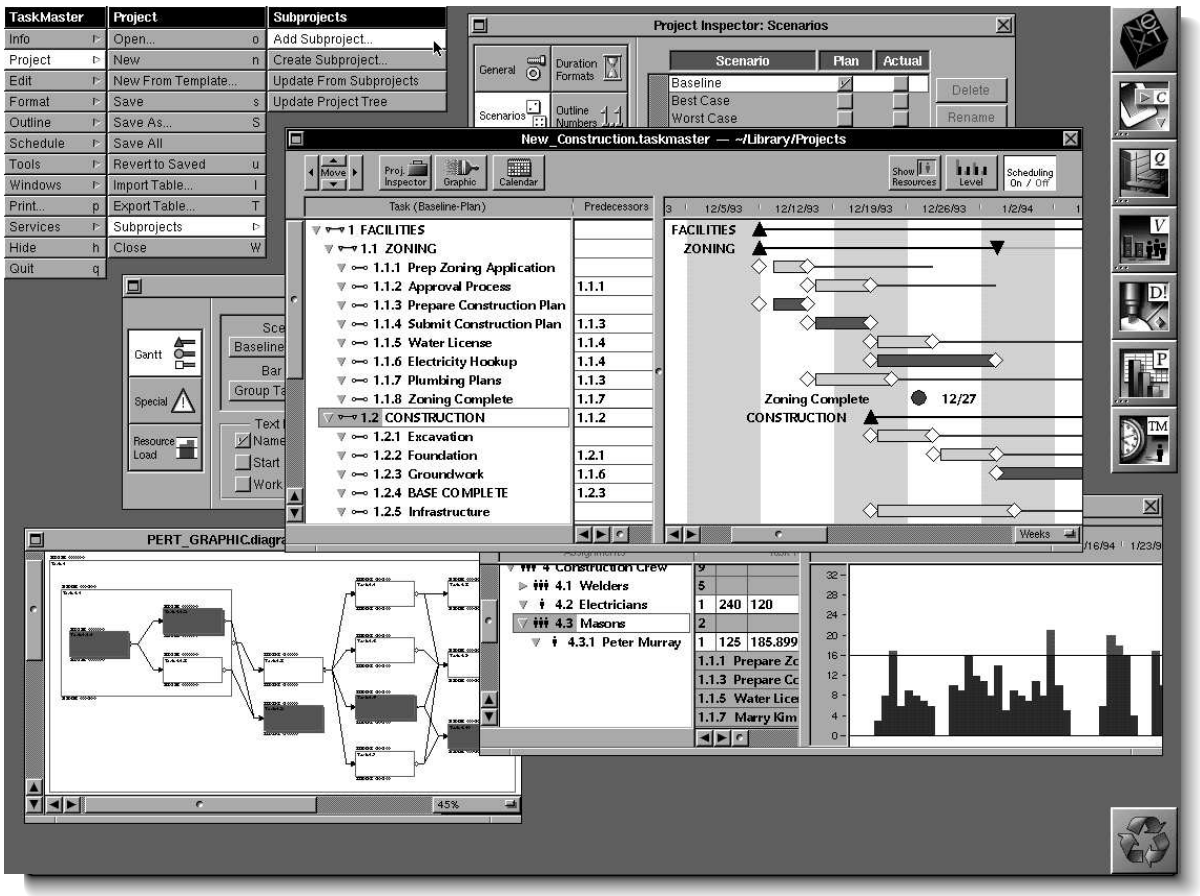

Lighthouse Design's TaskMaster™ is a comprehensive management tool designed to facilitate project and resource management in NEXTSTEP® enterprises. Day-to-day users, high-level managers and developers will appreciate the ease with which they can efficiently summarize, analyze, manage and track their ongoing projects.

TaskMaster goes well beyond the capabilities of conventional project management packages by offering users a complete suite of tools to control every aspect of their project, from conception to final evaluation.

TaskMaster introduces breakthrough features like hierarchical resource pools, an interactive task outliner, drag and drop task dependencies, click-drag editing of project data, and a customizable Gantt chart. Other advanced features include cost and expense tracking, configurable utilization histograms, automatic resource assignments, and priority-based levelling.

TaskMaster provides compatibility with other project management applications, including the ability to read legacy data from Microsoft Project, MacProject, and AutoPlan files, and export data to any common text format.

Whether you are an MIS manager overseeing the development and deployment of a custom application, a software developer tracking an ongoing project, or a team leader planning an upcoming event, TaskMaster provides one of the most compelling and straightforward project management packages available for NEXTSTEP, or any environment.

For managers, developers, and day-to-day users who want to effectively plan and track their ongoing projects, TaskMaster provides a powerful solution—one of the most intuitive and sophisticated project management packages available today.

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