

# Tried and tested

A closer look at the latest project management product releases – on show this month, STS' project management simulator, SimulTrain®7

## Transformis Consulting says...

SimulTrain®7 is a computer-based simulation that provides a robust and affordable solution to the dilemma of how to provide effective training in the execution and control phases of a project. Created by Sauter Training & Simulation SA, Transformis Consulting Ltd (TCL) is the main UK re-seller of SimulTrain®7.

### What does it do?

SimulTrain®7 presents delegates with a typical project situation – a project has been signed-off, a budget set, the core team assigned and even a task plan has been created and then the project manager has moved on. Sound familiar? The delegates are drafted in as the replacement project manager and their first job is to allocate the core team, and any additional resources they need, to

the tasks. This lasts about an hour and they soon realise that meeting the original project manager's target date isn't going to be easy.

### The logistics

Delegates are put into teams of four to act collectively as the project manager. Each is asked to focus on one of the KPIs as their specialism. All decisions must be agreed by the team. Each team works around a PC that runs the simulator either locally

or over the internet. The core focus is the project office screen with links to a Gantt chart, activity network diagram, resource chart, calendar, resource and task information and a suite of reports. The software is intuitive and easy to use and doesn't require any previous knowledge.

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## You say...

Middlesex University's major projects team commissioned Transformis Consulting to deliver a two-day Effective Project Management Workshop built around SimulTrain®7.

Ritchie Conway was part of the PMO team but now heads it up.

We had a fairly new PMO that managed projects across a variety of disciplines within the organisation (HE sector), and relatively new project managers and project support officers. SimulTrain®7 facilitated us getting together as groups and teams to experience the cross boundaries of management and communications needed to run a successful project(s).

The training and experience was informative; knowledgeable; and fun too. It brought a typically hectic project to life in a manageable and confined environment but with all the normal expected and unexpected problem areas of a typical project management.



For more information on SimulTrain7® and project management courses incorporating SimulTrain7® and other project simulation tools:

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