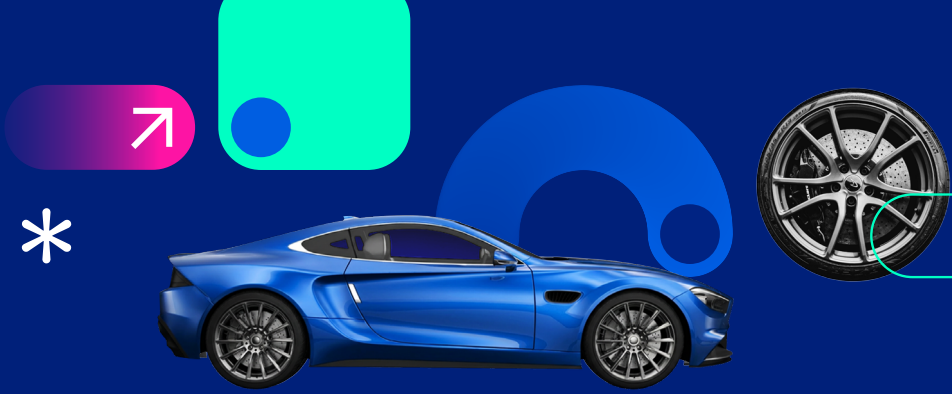


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Next-Generation Project and Portfolio Management for the Automotive Industry

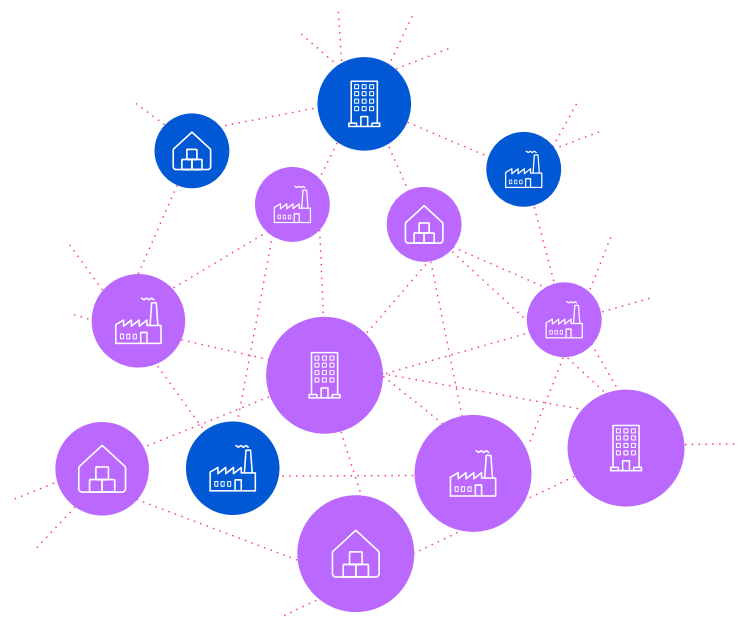
Successful collaboration in the value creation network

The automotive industry is going through an unprecedented period of change. OEMs and suppliers are facing technological challenges due to **electrification, connectivity, and autonomous driving**. Additionally, they are struggling with **declining production and sales numbers**, as well as an unexpected downturn in demand for electric vehicles. The weakening demand in China is particularly hitting European manufacturers hard.

The parallel development of combustion engine and electric drive systems is increasing complexity and costs, while there is uncertainty about the timing of the complete transition to electromobility. At the same time, companies must manage the **evershorter product life cycles** and increasing product complexity, in collaboration with teams, partners, and suppliers in different countries and time zones. Finally, the migration of experts is affecting the innovation power of the entire industry.

In this challenging environment, holistic project and portfolio management becomes a crucial competitive factor. It provides an **overview and control of R&D projects** and supports a networked and cross-company collaboration throughout the value chain.

A **flexible collaboration platform** creates transparency over complex project portfolios, enables **optimized resource planning**, and improves the control of dependencies.



Networked collaboration in the value creation network

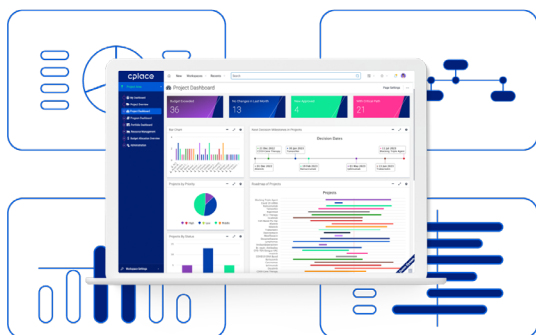
Next-Generation Project and Portfolio Management

cplace is the unique platform for project and portfolio management that combines the **advantages of custom-built software** with the **strengths of an enterprise-standard solution**. In doing so, cplace is revolutionizing the way people and organizations collaborate.

Flexibility Creates Added Value

With the cplace platform, companies design their project management standards and processes exactly the way they need them. cplace follows predefined processes instead of enforcing its own. At the same time, organizations retain the **flexibility to make extensions or adjustments themselves when needed**.

As a result, the cplace PPM platform delivers tangible added value for individual users as well as for the departments involved, **making their daily work easier**. The organization as a whole also benefits from a Single Source of Truth for its project and portfolio management, providing the foundation for **fast, reliable decision-making** and greater **transparency**.



Whether Agile, Classic or Hybrid – Suitable for Teams and Projects

Teams within an organization work with **different methodologies** and need a solution that best supports their **specific challenges**. There is no one-size-fits-all approach for every team or every project.

cplace connects teams and departments using a **variety of project management methods** – whether classic, agile, hybrid, or a customized mix. At the same time, all initiatives are integrated into a unified, overarching plan, regardless of the methodology used.

Project Management with a Holistic Approach

Project management encompasses many disciplines – from demand management, scheduling, resource and risk management, to cost and budget planning and strategic portfolio management. cplace provides **powerful, proven solution components for every area and maturity level**. These “building blocks” are ready to use, can be flexibly combined, and adapted as easily as Lego bricks.

This also applies to *Solution Templates*, which act as **true kickstarters** and help companies benefit from cplace even faster. These are **ready-to-use best-practice templates**, co-developed within the cplace community of customers and partners. Available *Solution Templates* cover topics such as SAFe, lean portfolio management, PRINCE2, integrated maturity management, resource planning, and many more.

Operationalizing Corporate Strategy

With cplace, successful companies translate their strategy into actionable initiatives and ensure their efficient execution. **Strategic portfolio management** in cplace ensures that investments and resources are directed toward projects that support the company's vision.

cplace provides the foundation for **fast, informed decision-making – even at the portfolio level**. With intuitive dashboards, roadmaps, and reports, companies can identify the initiatives that bring the greatest value.

As a PPM platform, cplace offers **multiple perspectives with relevant KPIs** on projects, programs, portfolios, and resource usage. Depending on the stakeholder's role and needs, KPIs are aggregated and visualized in **customized reports and dashboards**.



Best of Breed: cplace Connects

Project and portfolio management is a core function that touches many parts of an organization. To ensure optimal information flow, cplace offers **a wide range of connectors and interfaces** to leading systems, **enabling intelligent data integration**. This boosts efficiency not only in project management but also provides new perspectives and valuable insights.

Collaboration Beyond Boundaries

Companies also benefit from the cplace PPM platform in **cross-organizational collaboration**: for example, suppliers are involved in product development, external service providers contribute to project success, and partners independently manage entire sub-projects. cplace supports this extended form of collaboration by enabling the **seamless integration of all stakeholders** into a shared solution environment. The result is a **comprehensive, transparent planning approach free of blind spots** while allowing every participant to maintain their autonomy.

Collaborative Project Management

Collaborative project management is the methodological response to the challenges of cross-organizational projects. Developed by cplace founder Dr. Rupert Stuffer, it is based on the principles of:

- **Decentralization and delegation**
- **Networking and communication**
- **Collaboration**
- **Flexibility and adaptability**

A large, complex project plan is broken down into manageable, interconnected components, with responsibility for individual tasks and milestones delegated to the respective departments. By linking plans across different areas, scheduling conflicts can be identified and resolved at an early stage. Collaborative project management has proven itself in practice across numerous industries and has become the standard approach, especially in the field of research and development.



Greater Value Through High User Acceptance

The value of an enterprise solution strongly depends on user acceptance. With cplace, individual applications can be tailored to the specific needs of users and teams – without any programming knowledge. Core functionalities are provided in the form of familiar solution elements such as Gantt charts, Kanban boards, wikis, tables, and visualizations. This significantly **increases user acceptance**

and supports a **quick onboarding process**. At the same time, cplace offers **role-based work environments tailored to different users**. For example, the workspace for project managers provides different views and applications than the workspace for team members or executives. All stakeholders work with the same data, displayed in a role-specific manner. This makes cplace a true **one-stop shop for enterprise-wide project and portfolio management**.

No-Code, Low-Code – Citizen Development

The concept of Citizen Development is based on the idea that business departments can independently adapt applications to their specific needs. This not only reduces the burden on IT, but also improves the quality of the application through direct input from business experts. cplace empowers users to adapt the platform's individual solution components without any coding (No-Code) or with only minimal programming knowledge (Low-Code).

Artificial Project Intelligence

cplace AI brings artificial intelligence to where it has the greatest impact: right at the heart of your projects. Developed specifically for project and portfolio management in large companies, cplace AI guarantees full data control and seamless integration of leading AI models. Your teams receive intelligent support that understands context and methodology—with full compliance security. [More information about cplace AI.](#)

Getting Started with cplace – Fast and Easy

Ready-to-use solution components, kickstart-ready Solution Templates, user-centric design, methodological flexibility, and easy-to-adapt building blocks ensure that companies can benefit from cplace right away. It doesn't matter which department takes the first step, any team can start making project management more efficient and effortless with cplace.



Besides the ability to create and use applications for a wide range of business requirements with a central, database-based tool, our decision in favor of cplace was also guided by genuine affinity. We're working with a highly innovative team that truly understands what we want and need.

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Project Engineer at MTU Aero Engines



Conclusion

These are undoubtedly difficult times for the automotive industry. The multitude of challenges significantly increases the pressure on R&D projects. In an industry where accelerated product cycles and collaborative work are the norm, a flexible project management platform is essential.

A collaboration platform for the automotive industry must adhere to the specific processes of each research initiative while providing an overview of the **complex interdependencies** between numerous sub-projects. Companies thus gain tangible benefits at all levels, increasing project efficiency. All project-related data is consolidated in a Single Source of Truth, enabling data-driven management of the entire development portfolio.

With a **flexible and powerful PPM platform** such as cplace, automakers and suppliers are able to measurably accelerate their complex R&D projects and master digital transformation - a crucial advantage for long-term global competitiveness.



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cplace is a modern software platform for project and portfolio management (PPM). It revolutionizes and transforms the way people and organizations collaborate, enabling companies to efficiently manage complex projects. cplace combines the reliability of standard software with the flexibility of customized solutions. The adaptive platform with built-in AI provides a unified data foundation, promotes cross-site and cross-functional collaboration, and can be adapted in real time.

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