

Dear Project Manager!

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The current year still presents us with major challenges. Even though working from home has already become normal for many, some weaknesses are also becoming apparent. Communication within the project team is no longer possible so easily.

To better support you, we have once again optimized Merlin Project for remote working.

## **Merlin Project 7 - The Collaboration Edition**

The new Merlin Project 7 takes communication and documentation in projects to a whole new level. Annotations can be used easily and elegantly in all projects, groups & phases, activities, resources, assignments and of course all attachments. From now on, write down important things, explain or comment on what moves you in the project. No matter whether you work in the Gantt chart, on the Kanban board or in the mind map; the annotations are always just a mouse click away and always in the same position.



With the iPad version, in addition to the annotations, another previously missing feature has been added from the Mac to the iPad: Conflicts and warnings are now displayed in a separate panel.

Merlin Project 7 requires at least macOS 10.13 or iOS 13. For our subscribers, the new version is included in the subscription, so it's free. New customers test the functions for 30 days, of course completely free of charge and without obligation.

## New Operating Systems macOS Big Sur (version 11) and iPadOS 14

It goes without saying that we have updated Merlin Project 7 directly to the latest version for the new operating system macOS Big Sur (version 11). We have redesigned the toolbar according to Apple's specifications and optimized every single icon for Big Sur.

Together with the new spacing of menu items, the newly rounded windows and many features in the operating system, Merlin Project offers you a new experience - and still the same magic in your projects.

For the iPad version, the changes for iPadOS 14 were implemented in Merlin Project 7. Handwriting recognition is now possible in text fields. The interface has been changed to standard icons. The document browser is much tidier and therefore much clearer.

As you can see, with Merlin Project you always rely on a modern software.

## **Merlin Server**

Since September 2020 we have stopped selling Merlin Server. Discussions with our customers revealed that they prefer to use only one service for managing their data in the cloud. They use services like Dropbox or iCloud. An additional Merlin Server is not an option for most of them - despite the increased data security this provides. Missing functions from Merlin Server such as publishing are now integrated into Merlin Project 7.

If you still prefer to store data via Merlin Server, we recommend the Cloud Service offered by our partner LGO.

## **Trainings**

In the meantime, all our training partners have started to offer their trainings online. All current dates can be found on our website.

We are also happy to pass on our knowledge regarding remote work and have again two new dates for you.

If you have any questions or comments about our newsletter, we look forward to your feedback.

Please stay healthy, we will read each other again soon!

Your Merlin Project Team