

OBJECT CONSULTING MAKES GARTNER 'COOL VENDORS' LIST

Object Consulting, one of Australia's largest enterprise solutions developers announces that Gartner has named its Process Mentor methodology in its Cool Vendors in PPM Method for 2010 research report. Process Mentor is one of only four – and is the only Australian platform – in the Gartner report of 'interesting, new and innovative' approaches to project and program management. According to Gartner, "Roughly half the PMOs we talk to are considering developing their own [project and program] methodologies,"[1] at the expense of delaying other, more important activities. Gartner instead recommends that companies adopt a methodology such as Process Mentor to help achieve "high-quality solutions, often at less cost than most organisations can develop internally." [2] The research company says that Process Mentor is defining a unique corner of the market: "Process Mentor first made our list as a result of satisfied clients. Process Mentor's prepackaged content ranges from templates to support small projects, agile projects and larger programs. Compared to other companies reviewed in this research, Process Mentor occupies a special niche that makes it a good fit for organizations that are slightly more process-oriented. While the other vendors focus on templates and practices, Process Mentor leads with solid process modeling." [3] Process Mentor synthesizes Object Consulting's 20+ years of application development, into applications that help developers create, modify and enhance process architecture. Object Consulting's Brent Cahill, Product Manager - Process Mentor said, "Process Mentor gets the whole team on the same page." "Object Consulting is delighted that Gartner has recognised Process Mentor as a 'Cool' methodology. And more importantly, we're delighted that it has achieved a significant track record in helping businesses of all sizes generate the shared vision and practices that lead to successful project outcomes," Cahill commented. About Process Mentor Process Mentor helps accelerate project ramp-up and implementation, development productivity and consistency, continuous improvement, greater visibility and the rapid take-up of 'lessons learnt', with features including:

- Accelerator: Process Mentor helps project practitioners increase ramp-up speeds on new projects, with rapid 'criteria based' roadmap selection and auto-generation of key files and portals.
- Project Roadmaps: Readymade project roadmaps - covering lifecycles for particular size/styles of project – with tools to guide the initiation and subsequent approval, gating and audit of projects.
- Advisor – identifying inherent risks: This configurable survey tool helps organisations determine best of breed approach based on their risk appetite – including a customisable questionnaire addressing the quantitative and qualitative dimensions of a project, and highlighting the most appropriate project roadmap selection.
- Project Enactment: Enabling practitioners to 'virtually' enact the process, adjusting phases, activities, tasks and deliverables to produce a project-specific breakdown.
- Authoring and publishing tools: Including approved modified processes to be incorporated into the Process Asset Library for future projects. This ability is crucial to all organisations seeking Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) level three compliance.
- Ease of integration: The platform is simultaneously shipped with the new Microsoft Visual Studio platform, and also integrates with Microsoft Project, Microsoft Team Foundation Server and Compuware's ChangePoint.

- Ends – [1]Gartner 'Cool Vendors in PPM Method, 2010', April 2010, (Research ID Number: G00175296, retrieved May 2010 from <http://www.gartner.com/DisplayDocument?id=1338718>), p1. 2 Ibid3 Ibid, p3 About Object Consulting (www.objectconsulting.com.au) Object Consulting is Australia's leader in delivering enterprise business solutions. With 20 years of experience, Object's consulting, development, training and support services keep their customers at the forefront of innovation.