

### asta powerproject tops charts again

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Asta Powerproject's position as the UK's favorite project management software has been confirmed yet again by a recent survey of the construction and property industry. James Allen's research at Brighton University, which won this year's Buro Four Prize for the best final year dissertation, developed a standardised model to aid planners when estimating construction activity duration.

His survey questioned 200 construction related businesses and the response to the question 'what is the prime and/or recommended software for producing programmes in your organisation' is unambiguous. Asta Powerproject is the clear favorite with 60% of the respondents. Primavera P3 came a distant second with 14% followed by MS Project at 9%.

One of the more surprising findings was that 9% of respondents favoured a spreadsheet for producing programmes. This could be a reflection on the perceived complexity of project management software. Clearly this is an ideal opportunity for occasional and casual users to try Asta's new Asta Easyplan software due for release since 2004.

James concludes that in the effort to improve planning, the fact that many planners use the same software is of great benefit as the use and functionality of the package will be improved and planners will excel at making good use of the variety of functions. He goes on to warn of the potential problems in business relationships where differing software is used and warns of the heightened chance of errors occurring.

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