

aHa!2Way XLS Add-In

The best way to create an Excel Gantt chart from your mindmap!



Product description

The aHa!2WayXLS add-in for project planning is an accessible method to export your project and task information from Mindjet® MindManager to Microsoft® Excel while maintaining its hierarchical structure and visualizing your project in the form of a Gantt chart. Using a two-way link between Microsoft® Excel and Mindjet® MindManager a user can fine-tune the planning in one session in Microsoft® Excel and synchronize the changes with Mindjet® Mindmanager. There is no need for any additional software if the user has a Microsoft® Excel and a Mindjet® MindManager license.

Whom is it for?

This product is designed for all MindManager users who work with Excel or whose co-workers work with Excel and quickly want to generate and distribute an Excel Gantt chart with task lists and a resource planning from their project, program dashboard, meeting or brainstorm in a simple and visual way.

"I am planning a lot of small projects with each time different team members. Using the aHa!2Way XLS allows me a lot of flexibility and once a team member is seeing the results they also want to use MindManager with this add-in to manage their other projects."

Mathieu van der Wal – Manager add-in development and Lead Programmer aHa!Web.

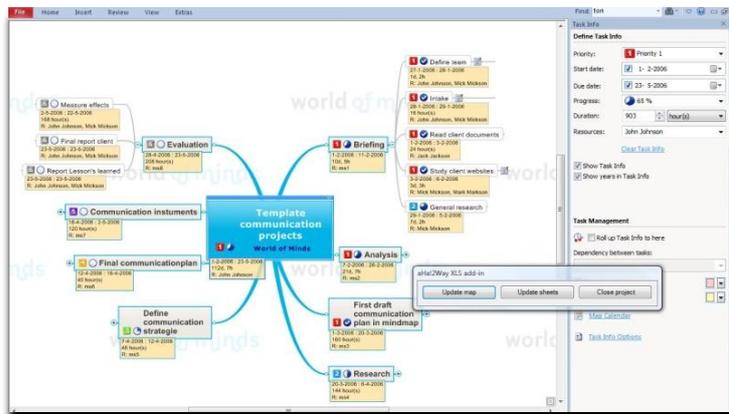
How to Get Started

The aHa!2WayXLS add-in for project planning:

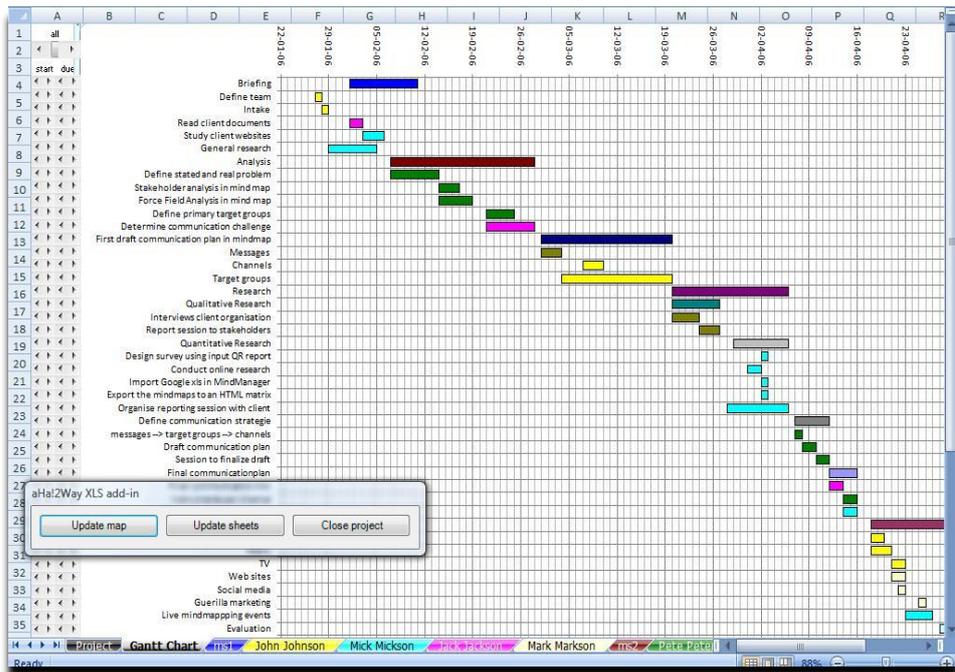
- Automatically generates a list in a project overview in Microsoft® Excel of all the milestones and tasks including start dates, end dates, duration, progress, priorities and resources.

Task	Start date	Due date	%	Priority	Hours	Resources
Briefing	01-feb-2006	10-feb-2006	0	1	85	ms1
Define team	27-jan-2006	27-jan-2006	100	1	10	John Johnson, Mick Mickson
Intake	28-jan-2006	28-jan-2006	100	1	16	John Johnson, Mick Mickson
Read client documents	01-feb-2006	02-feb-2006	100	1	24	Jack Jackson
Study client websites	03-feb-2006	05-feb-2006	100	1	27	Mick Mickson, Mark Markson
General research	29-jan-2006	04-feb-2006	75	2	58	Mick Mickson
Analysis	07-feb-2006	27-feb-2006	65	1	175	ms1
Define stated and real problem	07-feb-2006	13-feb-2006	100	1	64	Pete Peterson
Stakeholder analysis in mind map	14-feb-2006	16-feb-2006	100	1	32	Pete Peterson
Force Field Analysis in mind map	14-feb-2006	18-feb-2006	65	1	48	Pete Peterson
Define primary target groups	21-feb-2006	24-feb-2006	75	1	40	Pete Peterson
Determine communication challenge	21-feb-2006	27-feb-2006	100	1	64	Jack Jackson
First draft communication plan in mindmap	01-mrt-2006	19-mrt-2006	100	1	160	ms1
Messages	01-mrt-2006	03-mrt-2006	65	1	32	Jim Jimson
Channels	07-mrt-2006	09-mrt-2006	65	1	32	John Johnson, Jim Jimson
Target groups	04-mrt-2006	19-mrt-2006	65	1	136	John Johnson
Research	20-mrt-2006	05-apr-2006	50	2	144	ms1
Qualitative Research	20-mrt-2006	26-mrt-2006	25	2	64	ms4a
Quantitative Research	29-mrt-2006	05-apr-2006	25	2	71	ms4b
Organise reporting session with client	28-mrt-2006	05-apr-2006	50	3	80	Mick Mickson
Define communication strategie	07-apr-2006	11-apr-2006	25	3	48	ms5
messages -> target groups -> channels	07-apr-2006	07-apr-2006	50	3	16	Pete Peterson
Draft communication plan	08-apr-2006	09-apr-2006	50	3	24	Pete Peterson
Session to finalize draft	10-apr-2006	11-apr-2006	50	3	24	Pete Peterson
Final communicationplan	12-apr-2006	15-apr-2006	0	4	40	ms6
Final communication mix	12-apr-2006	13-apr-2006	0	4	24	Jack Jackson
Instruments per channel	14-apr-2006	15-apr-2006	0	4	24	Pete Peterson, Mark Markson
Media sites	01-mei-2006	01-mei-2006	0	5	120	ms7
Social media	19-apr-2006	19-apr-2006	0	5	24	John Johnson
Guerilla marketing	22-apr-2006	22-apr-2006	0	5	32	John Johnson
Live mindmapping events	22-apr-2006	22-apr-2006	0	5	24	John Johnson
Evaluation	22-apr-2006	22-apr-2006	0	5	24	Mark Markson
Measure effects	22-apr-2006	22-apr-2006	0	5	16	Mark Markson
Report Lesson's learned	25-apr-2006	25-apr-2006	0	5	3	Mark Markson
Final report client	23-apr-2006	26-apr-2006	0	5	40	Mick Mickson
Final communication mix	28-apr-2006	22-mei-2006	0	6	208	ms8
Measure effects	02-mei-2006	21-mei-2006	0	6	168	John Johnson, Mick Mickson

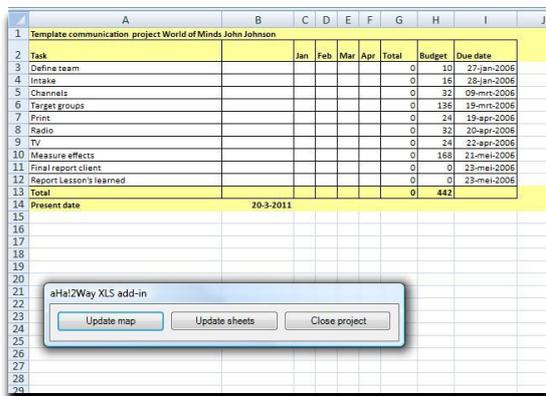
- This list follows the hierarchical structure of your MindManager map.



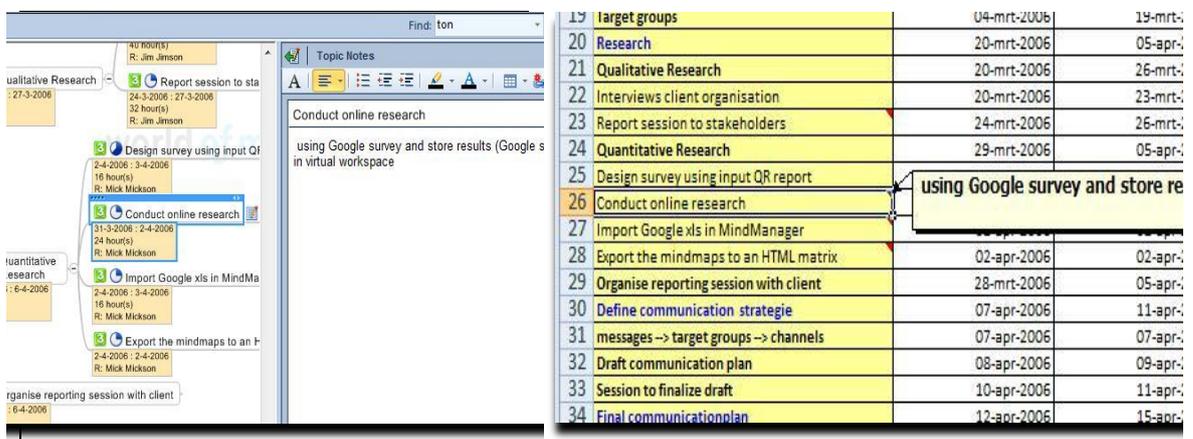
- Generates a Gantt chart which visualizes the tasks and resources in a timeline.



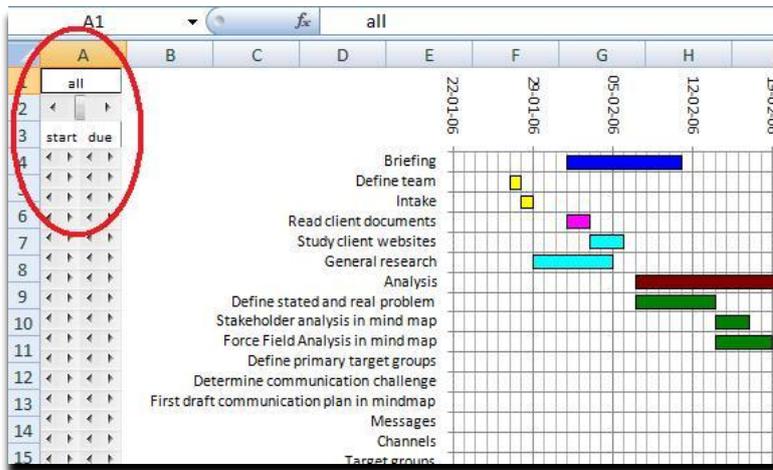
- Generates an interactive timesheets for each resource, with a unique color identifier for each resource throughout the Excel sheet.



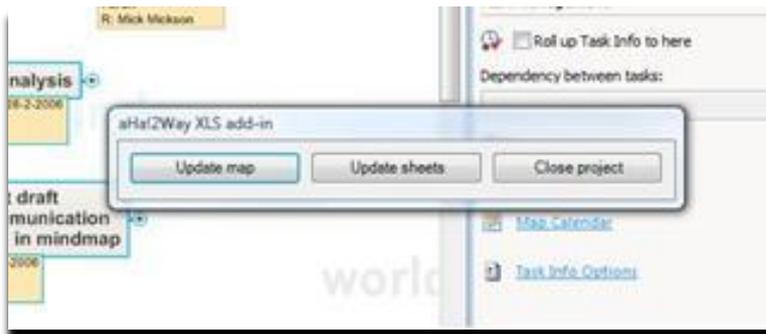
- Converts the notes of the topics in the map to 'cell comments' in Microsoft® Excel.



- Lets users manipulate start dates and end dates of the project as a whole or for every individual milestone or task simply by clicking arrow buttons in front of the bars in the Gantt chart.



- Can synchronize the changes made in the map or excel sheet and vice versa in one planning session. In the next session you start with the mindmap.



- It works with MM6, 7, 8 and is ideal for MindManager9 users who want to communicate (email and print) using Excel sheets.

Please note:

This add-in is only compatible with the PC-version of MindManager 6, 7, 8 and 9

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Paul Mulders – Project Manager, ING Bank.