



Change Portfolio Management

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Purpose:

To VISUALIZE your portfolio of projects to ANALYZE change saturation and collision to mitigate ADOPTION RISK.

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Introduction

What is portfolio change management? Why it is important?

How much is too much?

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Foundations

Define saturation, collision

Learn from the research

VMO and action planning

Project Inventory & Dashboards

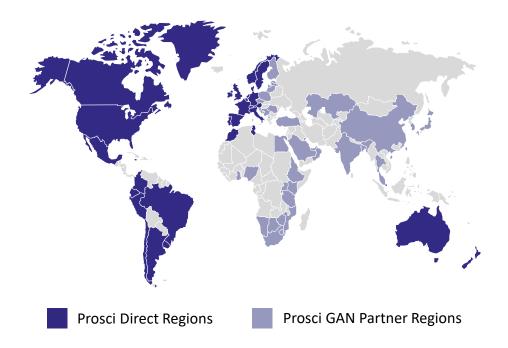
Risk, Resources, Rhythm, Rules

Change Portfolio Dashboards in Action



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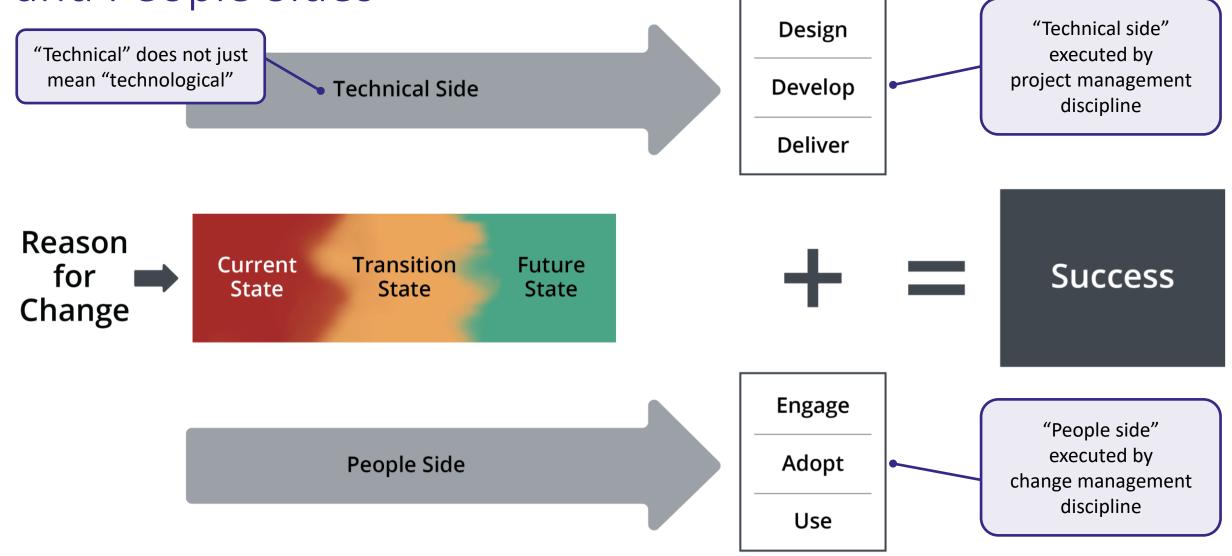


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Addressing the saturation and collision of multiple projects, initiatives or work efforts.

Unified Value Proposition (UVP) = Balance Technical and People Sides

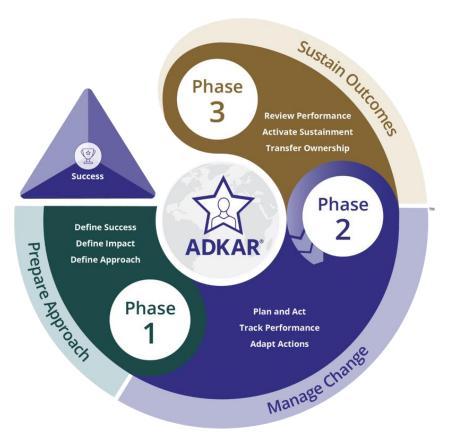


ADKAR Model on a Page

ADKAR element	Definition	What you hear	Triggers for building
A Awareness	Of the need for change	"I understand why…"	Why? Why now? What if we don't?
D Desire	To participate and support the change	"I have decided to"	WIIFM Personal motivators Organizational motivators
K Knowledge	On how to change	"I know how to"	Within context (after A&D) Need to know <i>during</i> Need to know <i>after</i>
A Ability	To implement required skills and behaviors	"I am able to…"	Size of the K-A gaps Barriers/capacity Practice/coaching
R Reinforcement	To sustain the change	"I will continue to"	Mechanisms Measurements Sustainment



Prosci 3-Phase Process Plain Language Questions

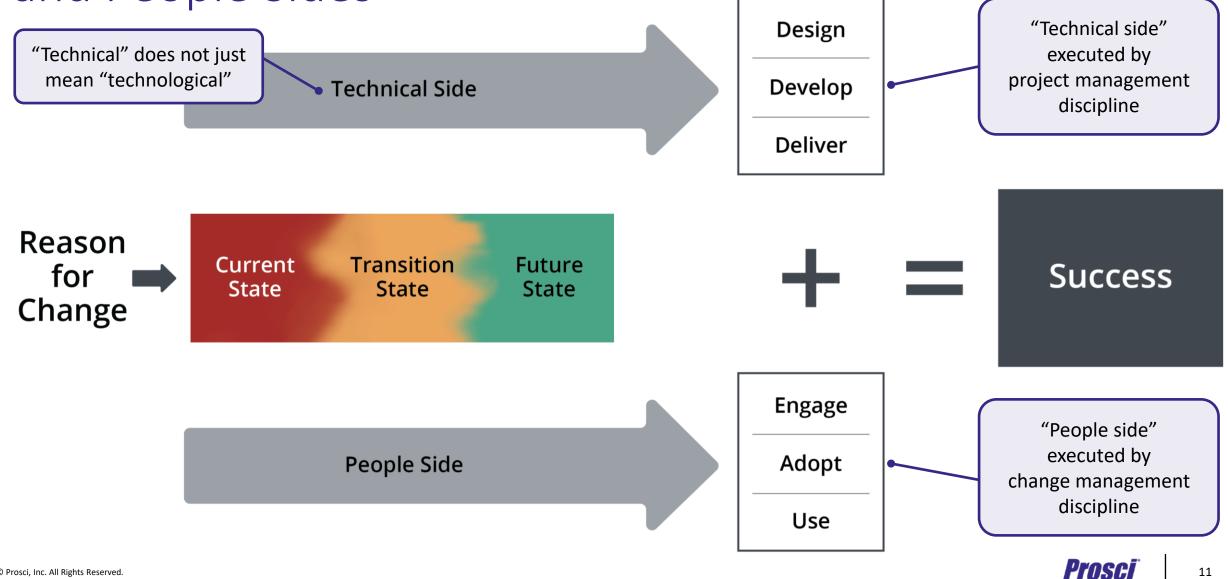




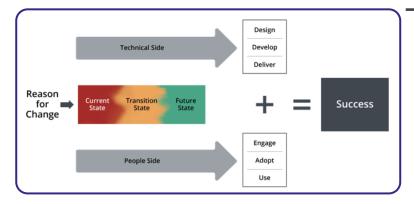


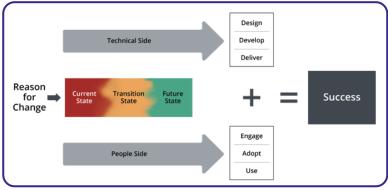


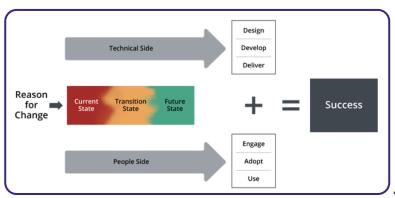
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Address the Change Impact of Multiple Projects

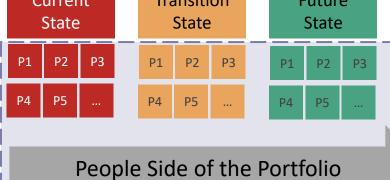






n = Portfolio of Projects, Initiatives, or Work Efforts

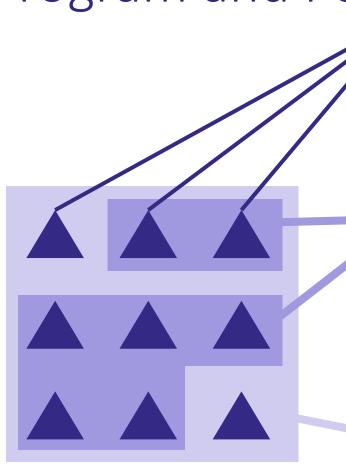
Technical Side of the Portfolio Current Transition Future



Prosci's Unified Value Proposition

Common terms to differentiate Project 💬 Program and Portfolio





Project

Temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product, service, or result (Source: PMI)

- Beginning/end
- Specific deliverables
- Support specific operational objectives (creates value by itself)

Program

Group of related projects (often with a common goal or theme) managed in a coordinated way to obtain benefits not available from managing them individually

- Longer term
- Control and efficiencies
- Deliver benefits (operational and strategic)

Portfolio

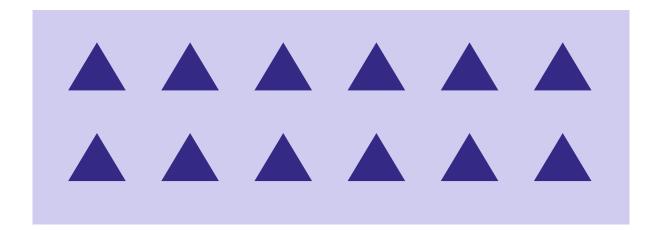
A collection of sub-portfolios, programs, projects, or operations managed as a group to achieve strategic objectives

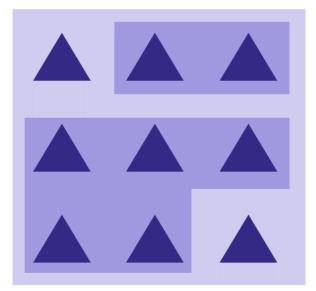
- Sustained scope and results
- Balanced and aligned goals, projects, and resources

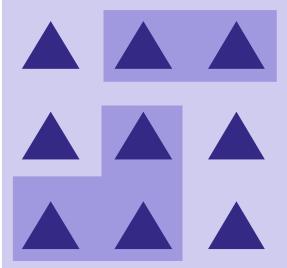


It Gets Complex Quickly









Variables to Address:

- Strategic Alignment (Impacts Selection & Prioritization)
- Project, Program, and Portfolio Definition and Scoping
- People Process, and Technology (Data & Tools) Capabilities
- Standards, Metrics, and Governance
- Organizational Culture
- Budgets and Resource Allocation
- Timelines and Dependencies
- Impacted Groups and Types of Impact
- Risk Management
- Others?





Factors to consider

- Organizational Capacity
- Change Characteristics
- Employee Resilience

Major Changes

- At Once: Organizations typically find that managing 2-3 major changes simultaneously is optimal. This allows for sufficient focus and resources to be allocated to each initiative without overwhelming employees.
- **Per Year**: A general guideline is to limit the total number of major changes to **5-10 per year**. However, this should be adjusted based on the specific context and **capacity of the organization**.

Minor Changes

- At Once: Employees may handle more minor changes concurrently, often up to 5-10 minor changes at once, depending on their nature and impact.
- Per Year: The number of minor changes can be higher, potentially exceeding 10-20 changes per year, but this also depends on how these changes are structured and communicated.



Organizations that **stagger** major changes over time, rather than implementing them all at once, see **higher success** rates. They recommend allowing sufficient time for employees to **adapt to one change before introducing another.**

-McKinsey & Company

Employees can generally manage **one significant change every 6 months.** Beyond this, the risk of **change fatigue** increases, leading to decreased productivity and morale.

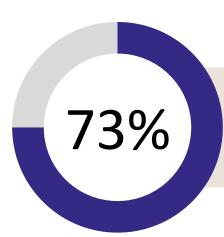
-Harvard Business Review

Organizations with high change agility—those that support their employees through change with clear communication and resources—can manage more frequent changes. However, even in these environments, it's recommended to limit major changes to one or two per year.

-Deloitte Insights

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Change Saturation Has Consequences



Of organizations are at, near or beyond change saturation

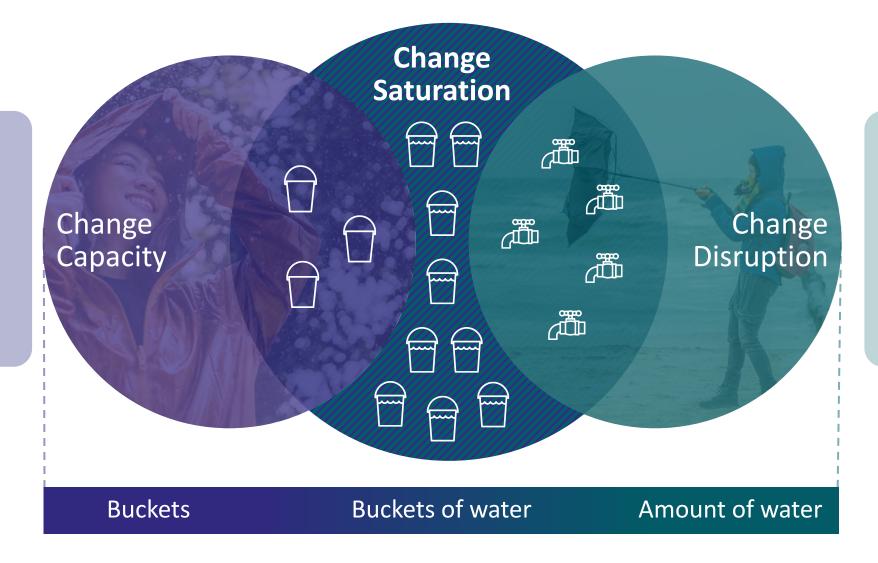
The consequences of change saturation include:

- Individuals suffer
- 2. Projects suffer
- 3. Organizations suffer

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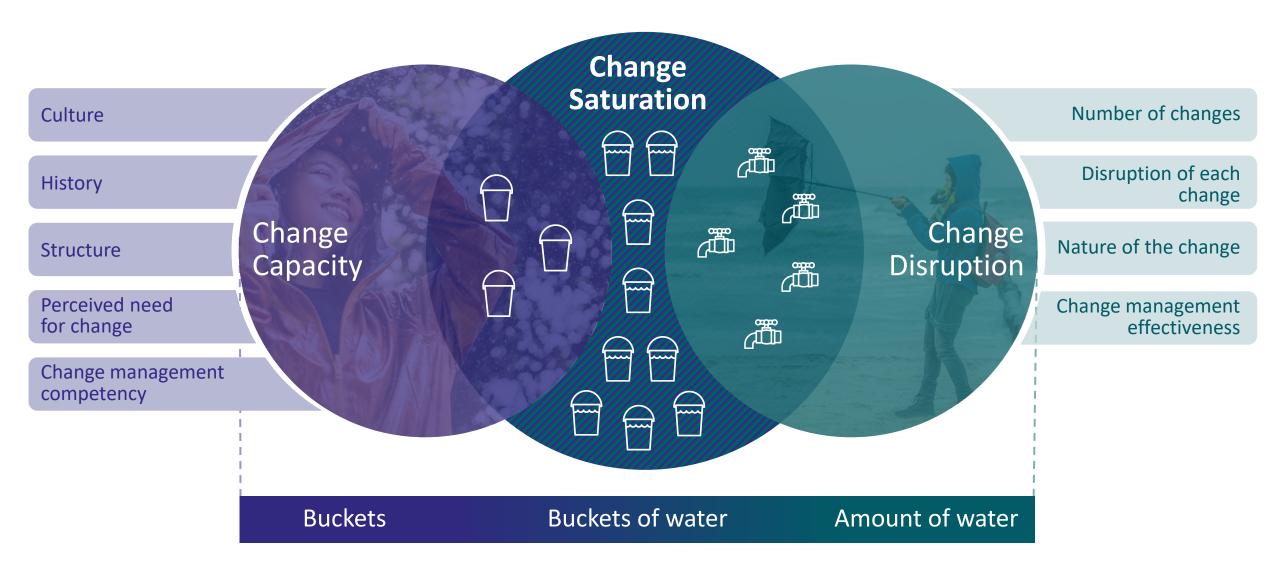
Prosci Change Saturation Model

How much change an individual, group or organization can handle.



How much change is happening.

Prosci Change Saturation Model



Change Capacity Assessment

Our organizational culture Our organizational culture inhibits change capacity increases change capacity Culture Our organizational history Our organizational history inhibits change capacity increases change capacity History Our organizational structure Our organizational structure inhibits change capacity increases change capacity Structure Our organization's perceived need Our organization's perceived need for change inhibits change capacity for change increases change capacity Perceived Need for Change Our organization's change management Our organization's change management competency inhibits change capacity competency increases change capacity **Change Management** Competency

What are we doing to address change saturation?

- 1. Nothing
- 2. Apply portfolio management techniques
- 3. Support prioritization

- 4. Use of organizational management structures
- 5. Adjust the portfolio
- 6. Increase communication efforts

Deeper Dive on Change Collision



Addresses not just timeframe, but collisions of resources (time and money), priorities and mindshare.

No clear picture of the changes going on across the organization, the interdependencies, and when they will impact users.

Change Portfolio Management Scale Plot (VMO)

Optimize: Influence business activities to minimize change saturation and collision

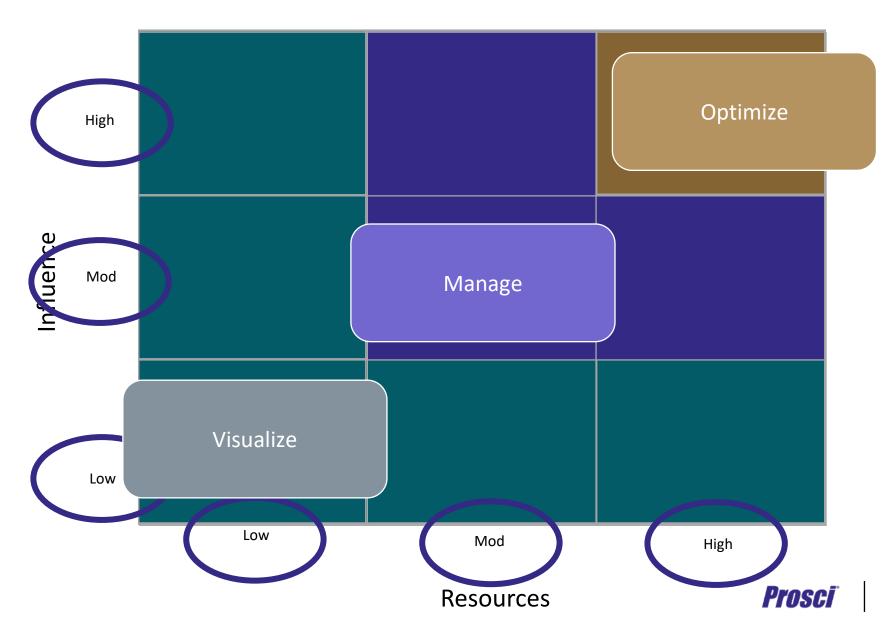
Outcome: Optimal Portfolio Composition

Manage: Inform decisions with the view of change saturation and collision

Outcome: Realize Portfolio Benefits

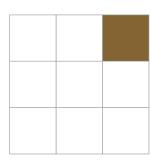
Visualize: See change saturation and collision

Outcome: Execute Projects Successfully



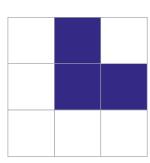
Portfolio Maturity Roadmap

Increasing Maturity and Complexity



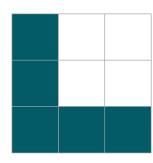
Optimize

- Change portfolio management central to business operations
- Integrated with business strategy to align projects, metrics and objectives
- Organizational resources and processes aligned for optimization



Manage

- Executive buy-in and strong sponsorship for centralized management
- Significant time and resources allocated to gathering and processing data
- Shift from siloed decision-making to an integrated governance process



Visualize

- Resources, time and processes dedicated to gathering and sharing data
- Maturity and availability of meaningful metrics and performance data
- Reliance on influence more than formal authority to impact decisions

What level are you pursuing?

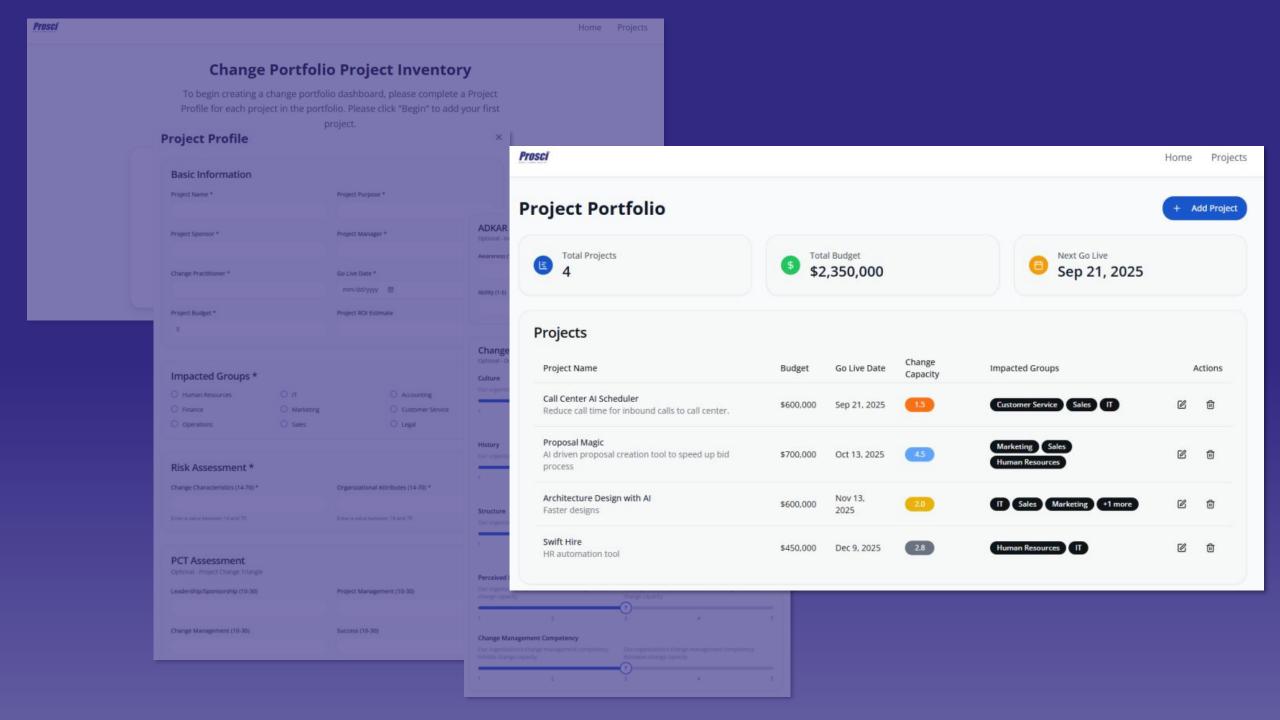
V/M/O Context: CPM Dashboard

	Visualize	Manage	Optimize
Outcomes	Execute Projects Successfully	Improve Portfolio Benefits Realization	Influence Business Strategy
Technique	To explore change saturation and collision	To inform decisions with your view of change saturation and collision	To influence business activities with your knowledge of change saturation and collision
Tips	Define your audienceData collectionKeep it fresh	 Define your scope Integrate with project portfolio management Keep it actionable 	 Establish roles and coordination requirements Integration with strategy formation activities Keep it relevant
Tools and Instructions	 Project portfolio definition Resulting change portfolio Project health Project risk Job aspects of the change portfolio Impact group heat maps Schedule milestones 	 Project selection Project investment Project health vs. investment Resource decisions Sponsor saturation and coaching Impact group adjustments Project and milestone timing 	 Initiative and change project Identification and assessment Sponsor engagement and leadership Project and change portfolio Decision support Organizational strategic alignment

What's Different at the Portfolio Level?

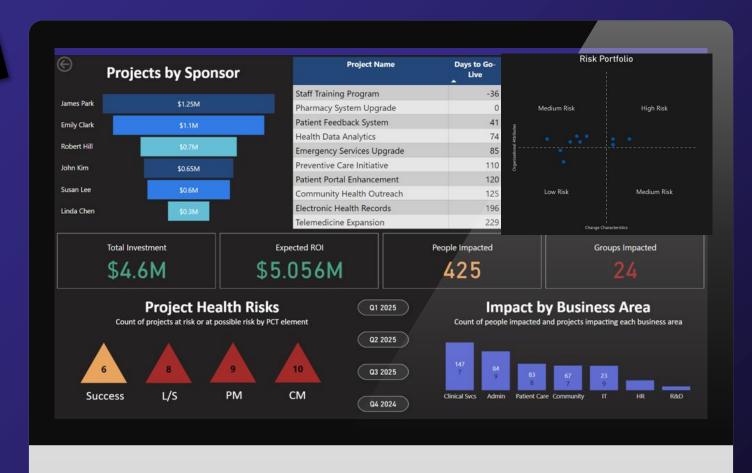
Business & Projects Governance & Threats to Success People/Tech **Decisions** Risk Rhythm Rules Resources Strategic Alignment Timing Stakeholders Shared **Funding** Cadence Project Limited Prioritization Dependencies Portfolio Financial/ROI Go/No-Go Build/Buy/Borrow Adoption Intersections

PEOPLE CENTRIC PORTFOLIO DASHBOARD

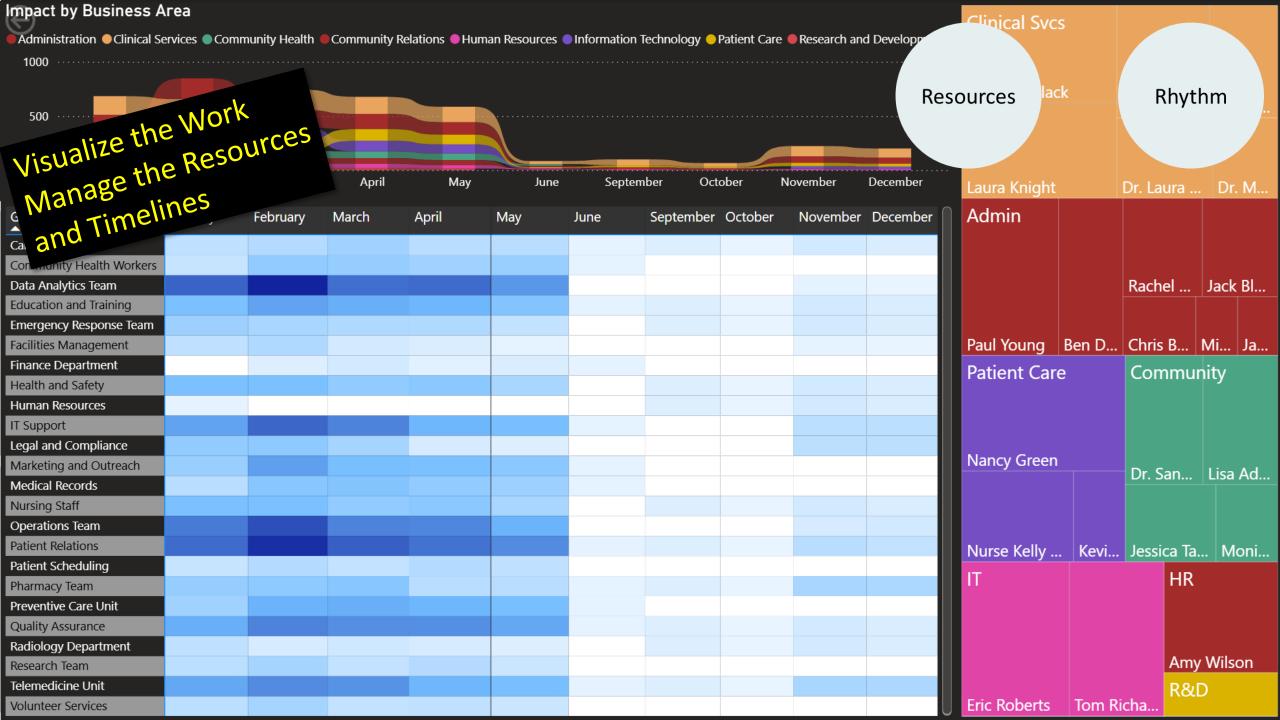


Company X's CPM Dashboard

Visualize the Risk







Aggregate Portfolio Impact

January

February

March

April

May

Manage the Change Saturation

Emergency Response... Facilities Management Finance Department Health and Safety Human Resources

Legal and Compliance Marketing and Outre...

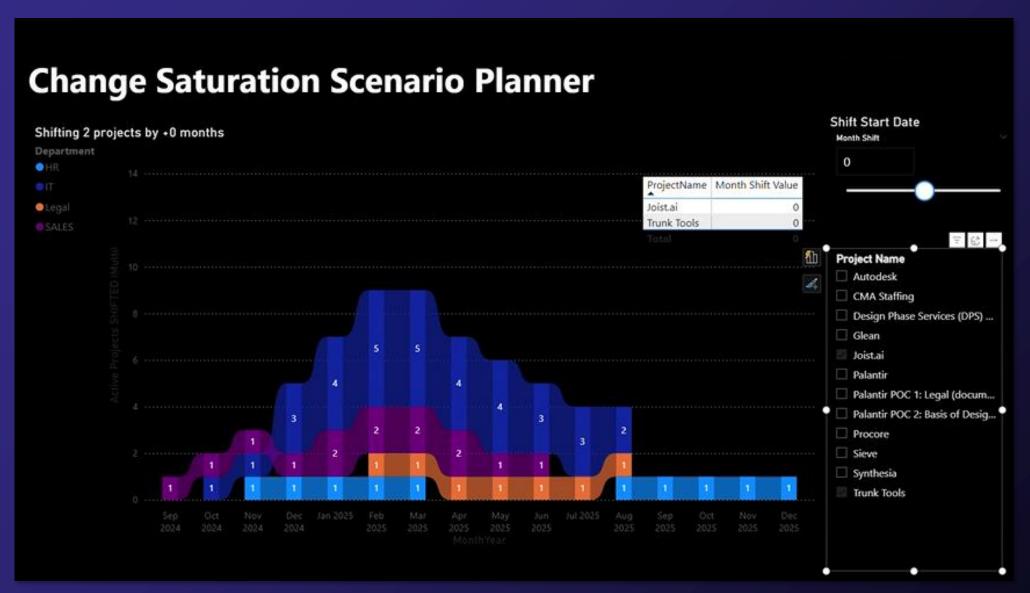
Medical Records
Nursing Staff
Operations Team
Patient Relations
Patient Scheduling
Pharmacy Team
Preventive Care Unit
Quality Assurance
Radiology Department

Research Team
Telemedicine Unit
Volunteer Services

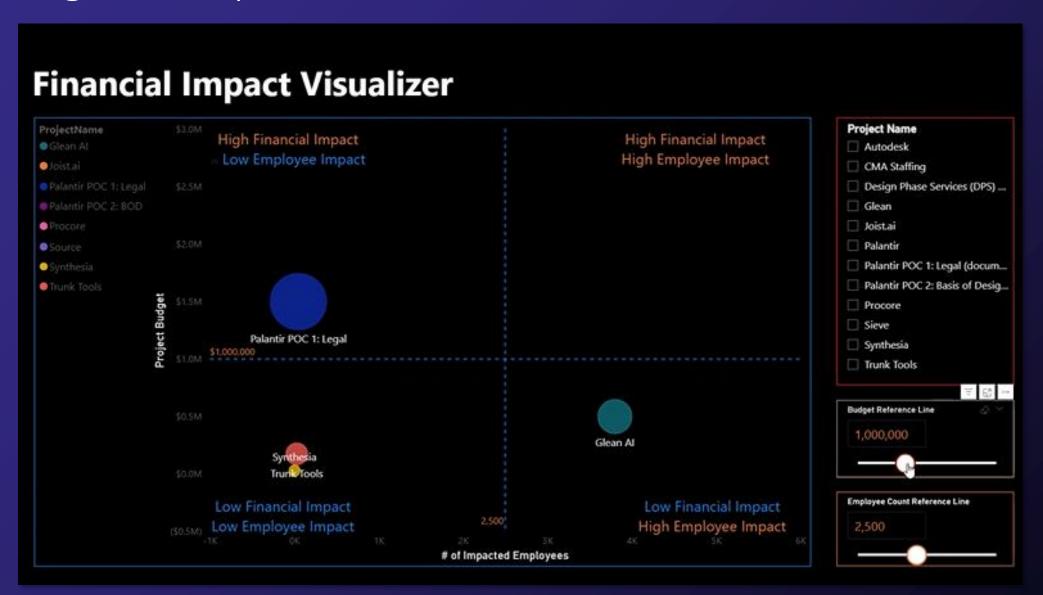
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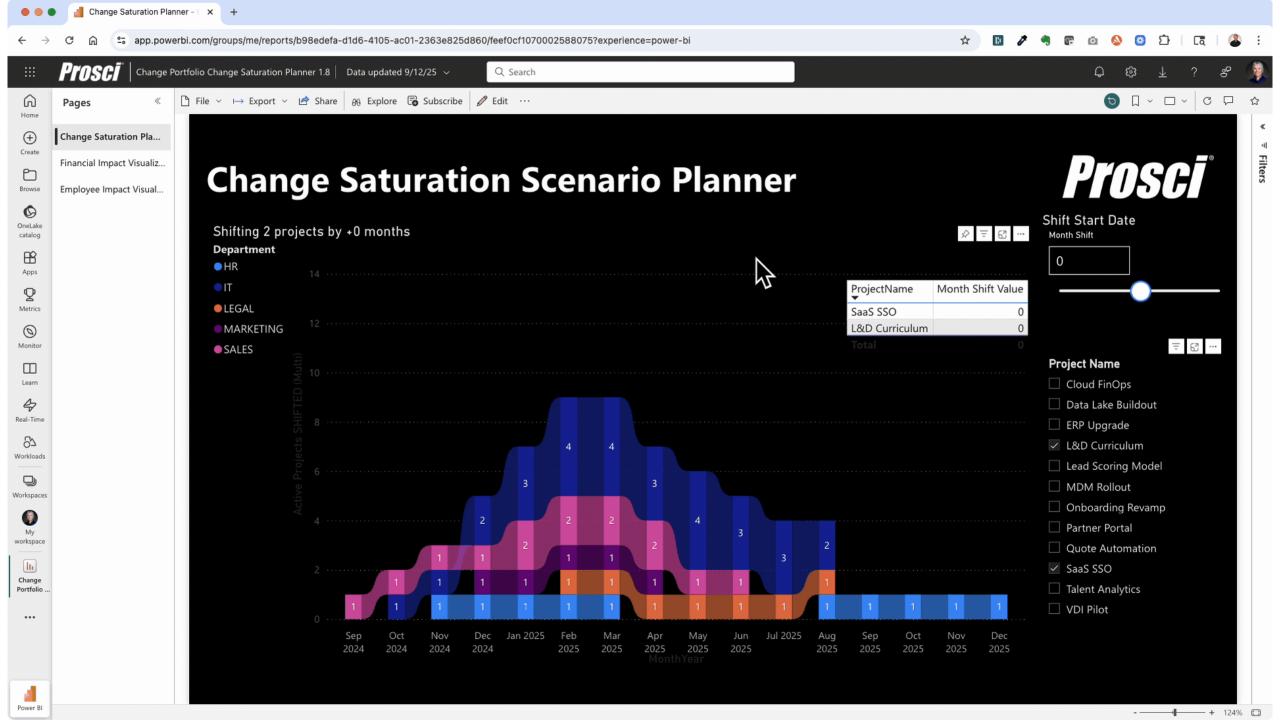
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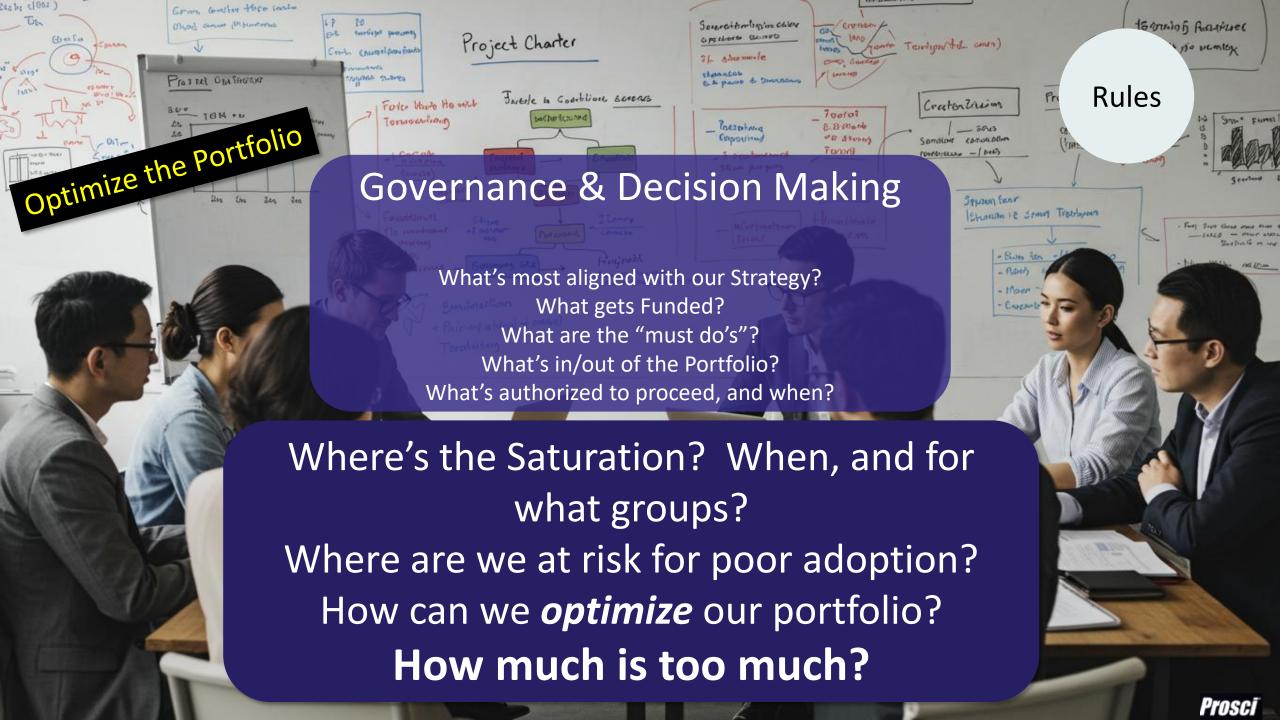
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