Project and Software Methodologies

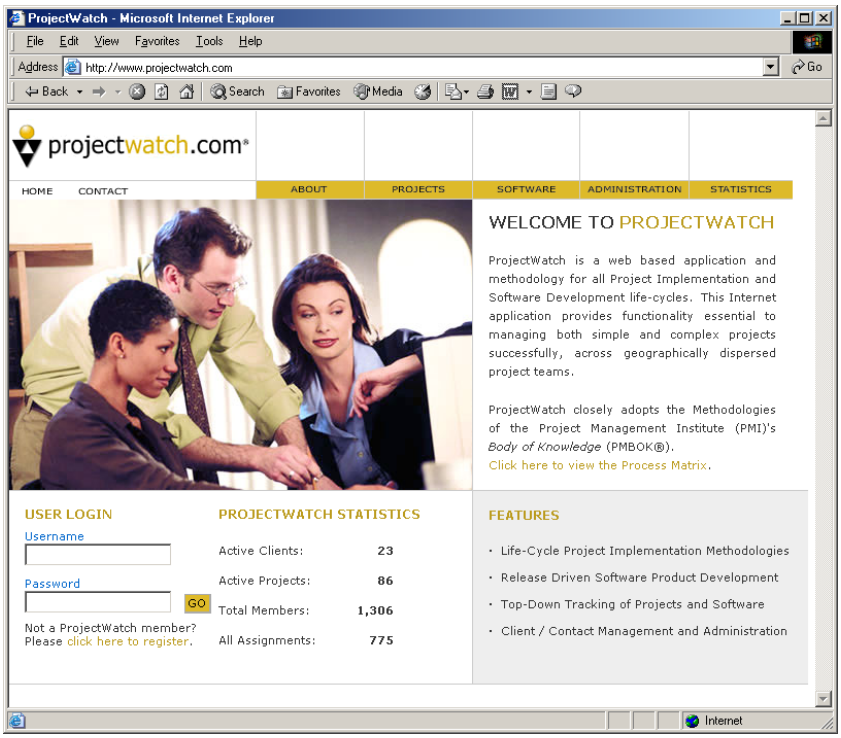
ProjectWatch is a web based application for all Project Implementation and Software Development life cycles and is the core of Niche Consulting Group's company methodologies. This Internet application provides functionality critical to managing successful projects across a geographically dispersed project team. Clients and Consultants alike can utilize features for full life-cycle project deployment including: Assignments, Milestones, Meetings, Requirements, Time and Expense, as well as Support Requests and Status Reporting.

Both Project and Software methodologies are consolidated and summarized in Management Statistics showing percentage completion in all areas of deployment. Coupled with intuitive Administration functionality, ProjectWatch empowers Client Projects with self-serve technology, which is founded on years of quality experiences. ProjectWatch has been adopted and successful as the implementation management tool for all collaborative project implementations.

The web location for ProjectWatch is **www.projectwatch.com** and requires a client/contact specific login, which identifies a user's role. During menu navigation, an icon based menu system will allow access to features and functions according to the user's assigned responsibility.

ProjectWatch Features

- ❑ Life-Cycle Project Implementation Methodologies
- ❑ Release Driven Product and Software Development
- ❑ Top-Down Management Tracking of Projects and Software
- ❑ Client and Contact User Management and Administration



ProjectWatch Modules

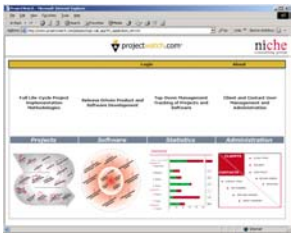
The following sections describe the modules in ProjectWatch:

- ❑ Home Page
- ❑ Project Methodologies
- ❑ Software Release Control
- ❑ Administration

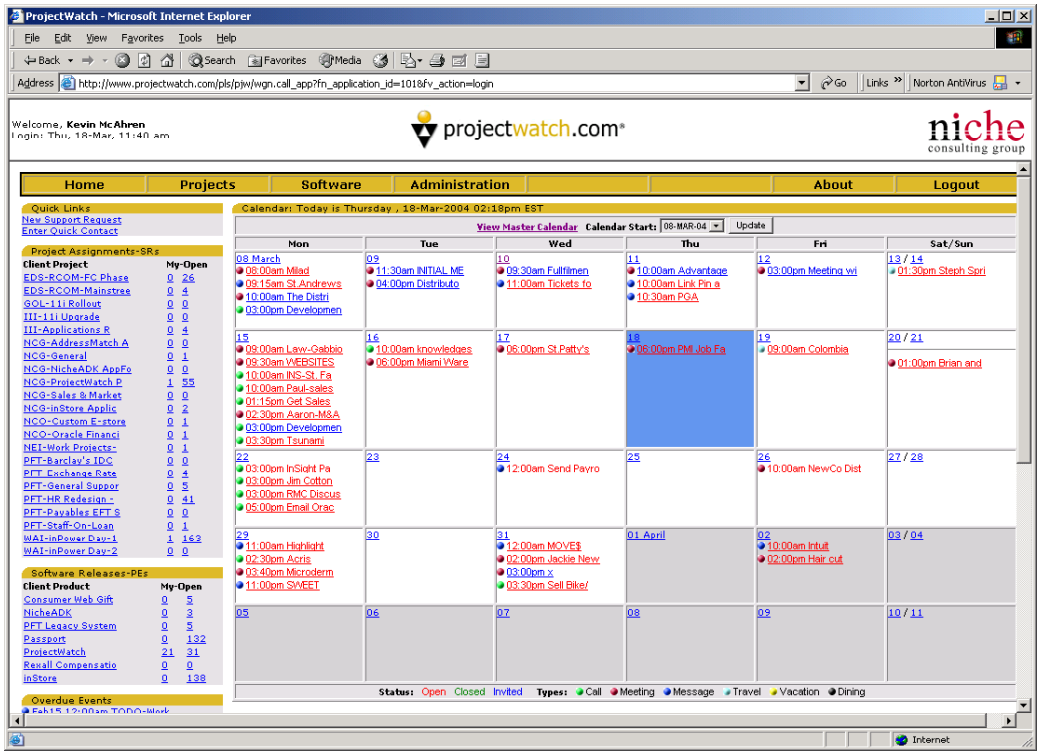
Home Page

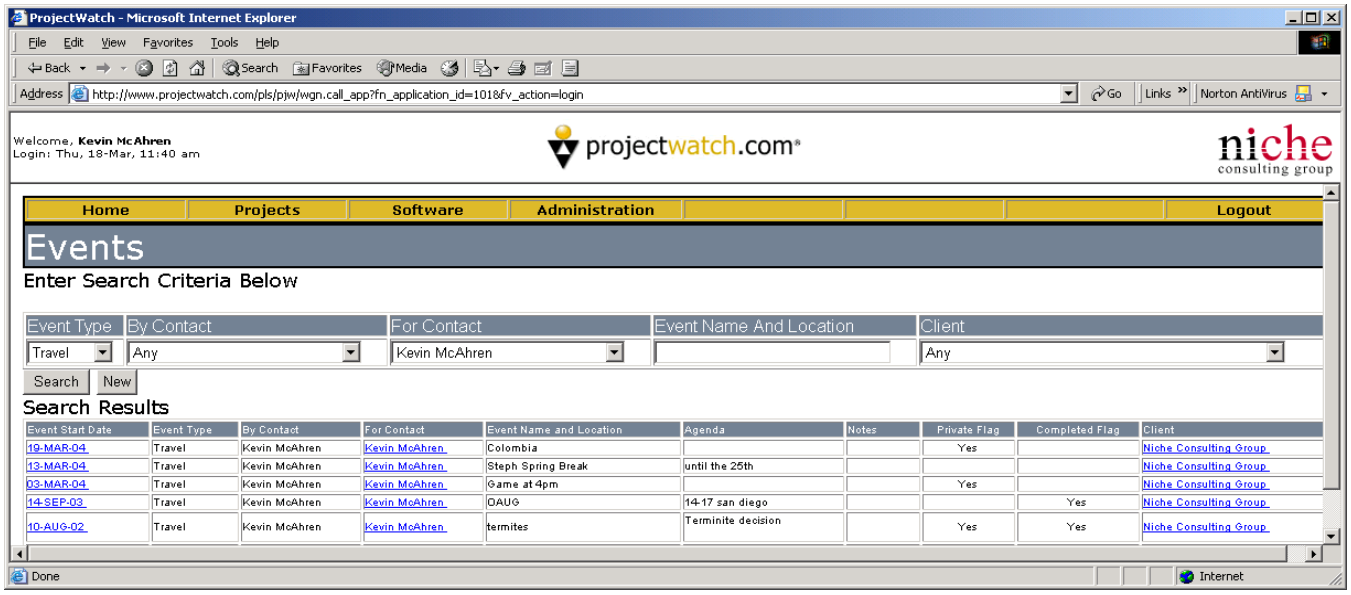
The Home page for ProjectWatch contains primarily the event calendar and direct links to the user's assigned projects, support requests and installed software releases. The event calendar tracks any calls, meetings and other contact related activities for any contact in the ProjectWatch database. Full history tracking by contact and client assist in the sharing of activities across the entire project team. Invitations to events also show on the invitee's calendar.

Project links on the left navigation bar allow direct access to all assigned projects and further provides the ability to drill directly into all project data.



- Event Calendar
- Projects
- Software
- Administration
- Quick Links
- Project Assignments
- Software Releases
- Overdue Events
- Personal Links

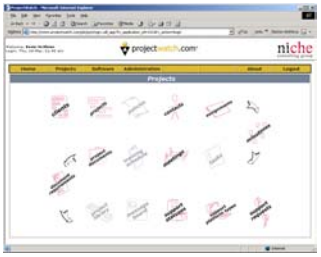




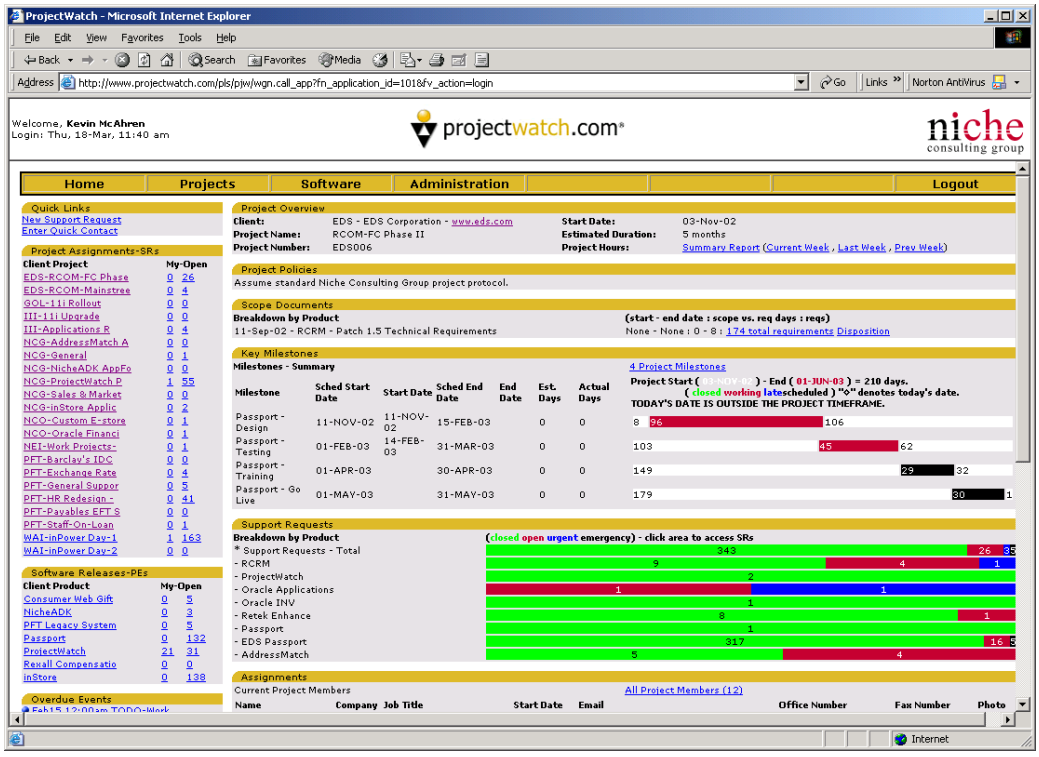
Project Methodologies

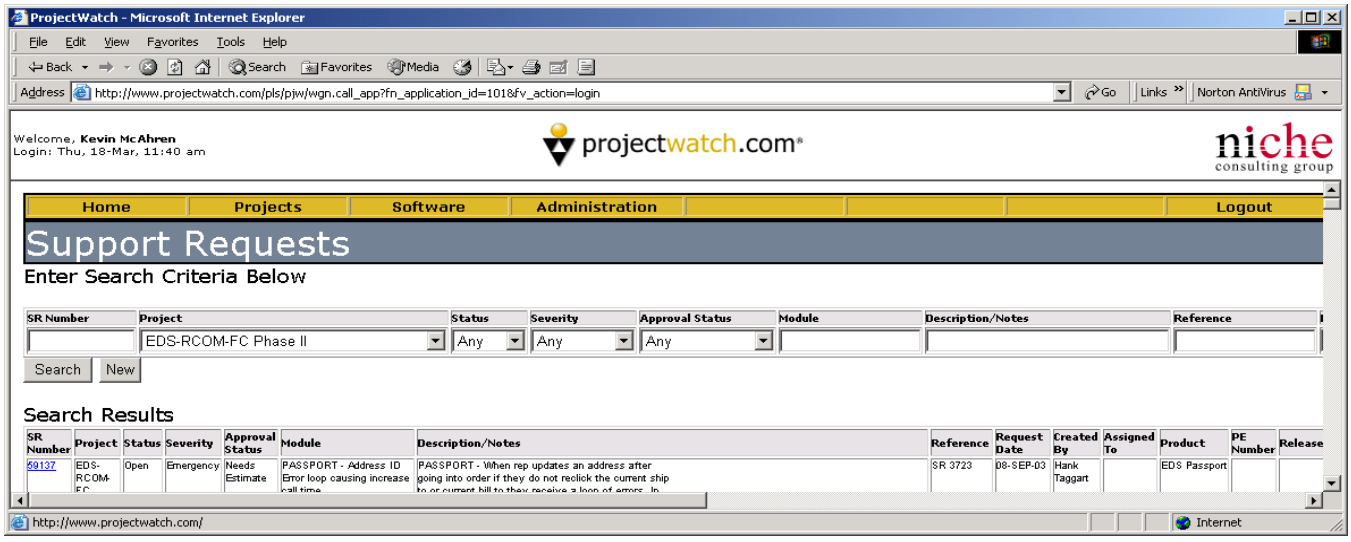
The Projects section of ProjectWatch is dedicated to the process of managing Client Project Implementations. Following the process flow, client and contact information are needed to enter project assignments. Once assigned, each individual will have access to the appropriate milestones, meetings, libraries, and ultimately support requests to keep the project on track, and provide visibility to all project team members. All project deliverables can be maintained centrally, including scope documents, requirements, milestones, status reports, time and expense, issue tracking and support requests.

The project summary page allows direct access to all applicable project data including: scope documents, milestones and support requests as well as providing a direct connection with all other assigned project members.



- Clients
- Projects
- Policies
- Contacts
- Assignments
- Milestones
- Tasks
- Meetings
- Training
- Scope Docs
- Requirements
- Library
- Message Board
- Support Requests

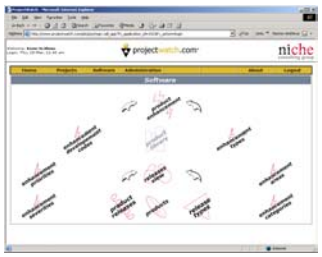




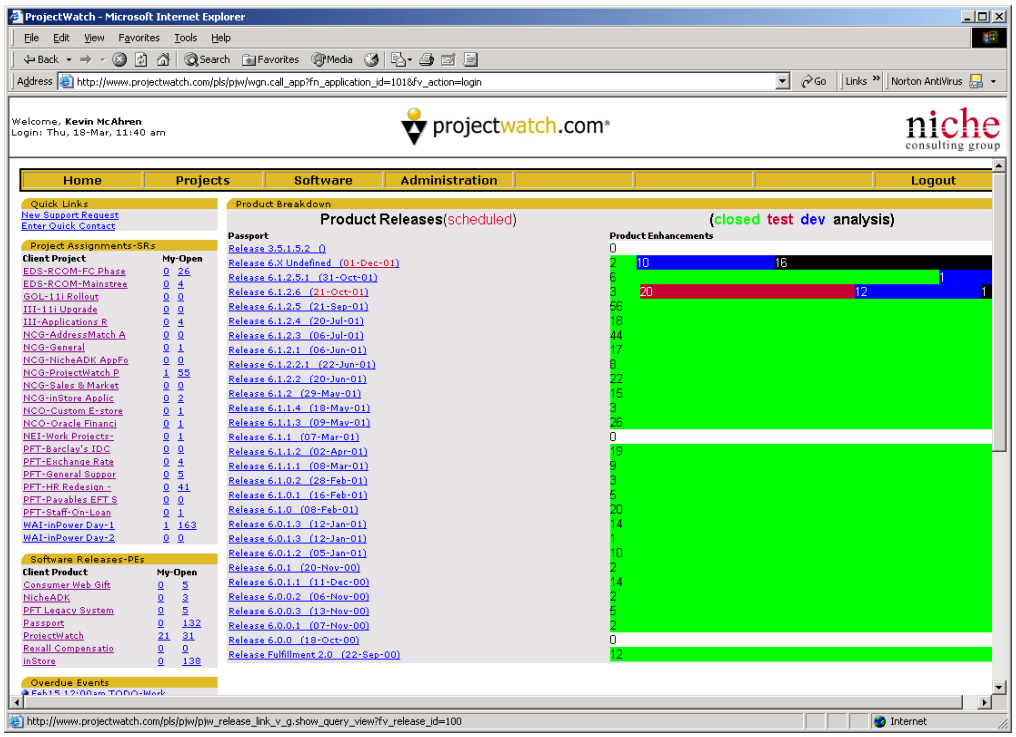
Software Release Control

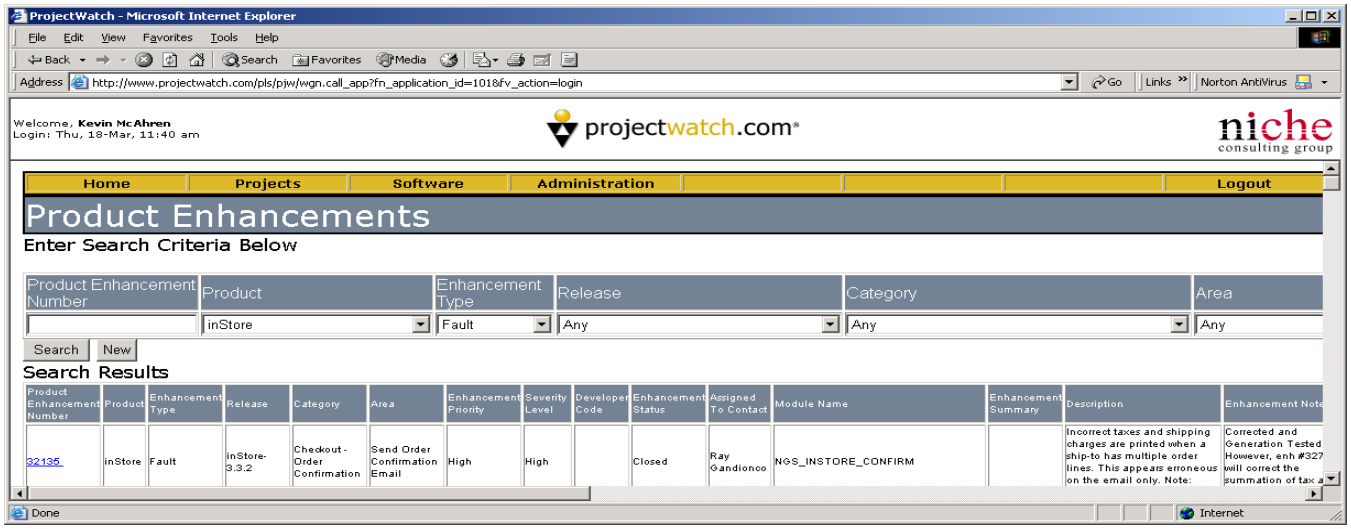
The Software section of ProjectWatch is dedicated to managing enhancements and changes to a software product. Using Product Releases to group functionality, Products can be updated and upgraded on a given cycle or date period appropriate for the Product. Release Views assist product managers in understanding the new features or functions to be included in the Software Product Release.

Each software release contains all enhancements, changes and faults incorporated into the product for the corresponding release number. Release numbers and release dates are controlled by the software owner and made public to the appropriate licensed clients.



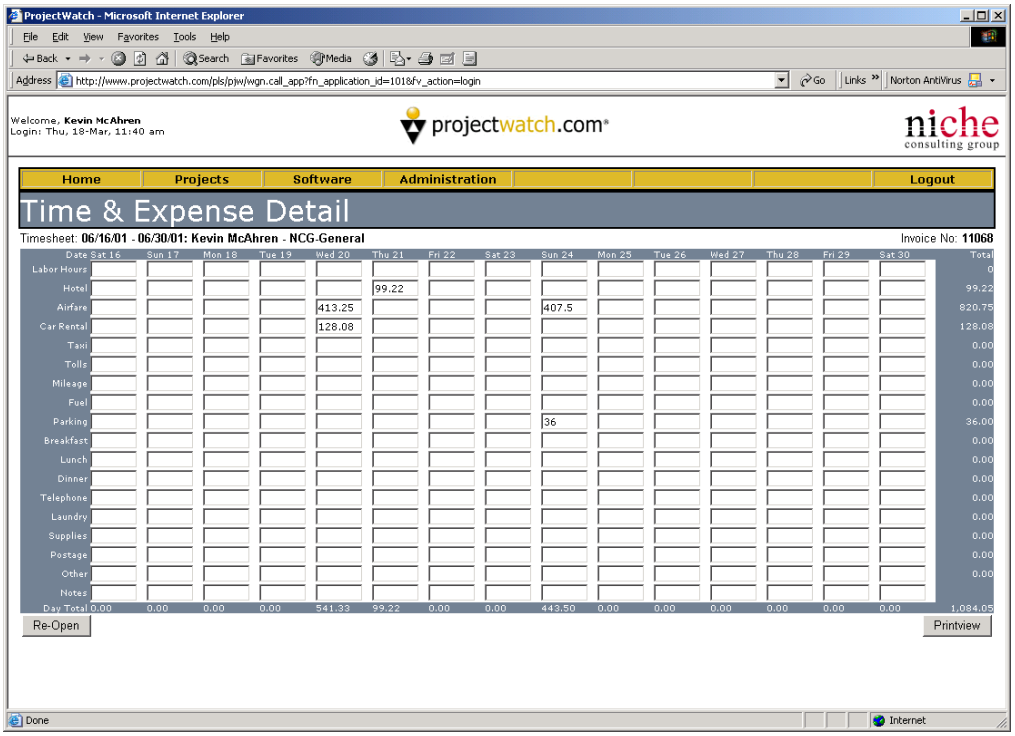
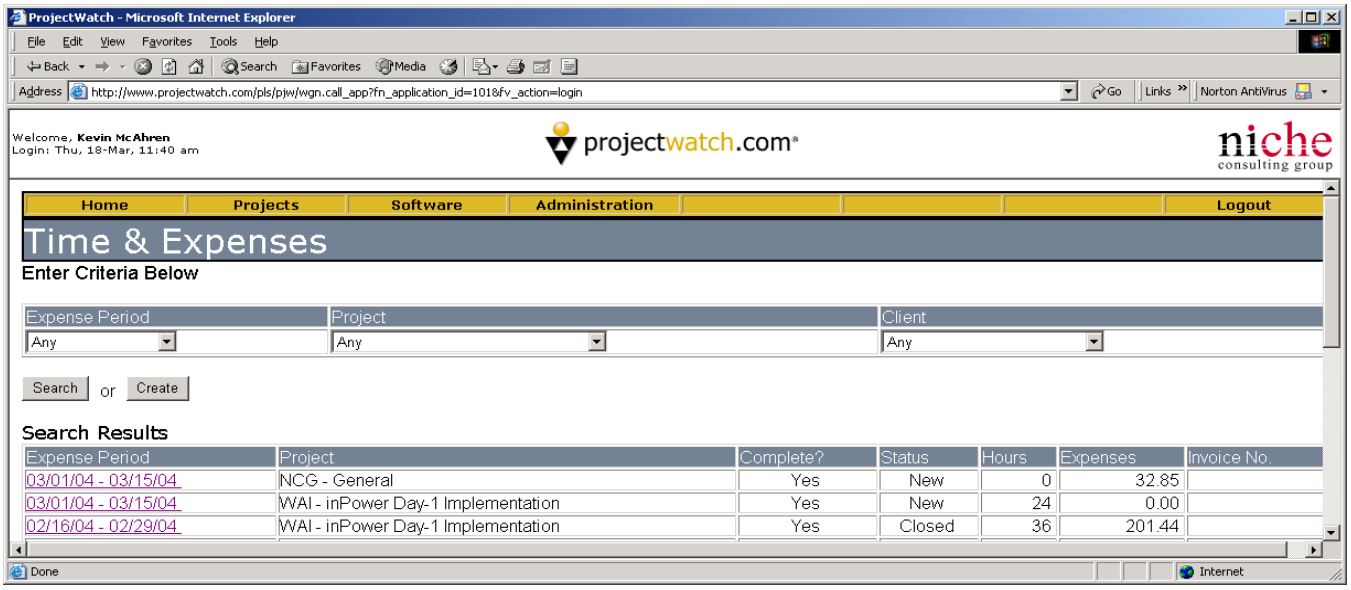
- Products
- Releases
- Release View
- Release Types
- Product Library
- Severities
- Priorities
- Codes
- Categories
- Areas
- Enhance Types
- Product Enhancements





Administration

The Administration section of ProjectWatch is dedicated to managing the Client and Contact scheduled interactions. The focus of the Administration page is the Master Schedule surrounded by the specific Client and Contact tools for supporting all Project and Software functions.

Billing periods and time & expense capture and reporting allow project managers and administrative staff to reconcile project hours, expenses and summarized costs for tracking total project exposure.

- User Roles
- Contact Types
- Status Reports
- Day Planner
- Client Types
- Report Periods
- Billing Periods
- Master Schedule
- Time & Expense
- Change Password
- Security
- Client Products
- Event Calendar