




MG21 Roadmap | Theme-based Summary

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MG21 Roadmap | Key Development Themes

The organising logic for MG21 will be based on the following five key themes:

#	Theme Icon	Theme Title	Theme Description
1		Enhanced Engagement	This theme seeks to further enhance user engagement with the application - as a function of modern UX and new, innovative: views, content and feature enhancements.
2		Intuitive Productivity	<p>This theme emphasises the need to make the solution effortlessly intuitive (“don’t make me think”) with a specific focus on individual productivity (task management, goal setting, reflection) and <i>connected-team</i>, collaborative project management aspects.</p> <p>This theme also encapsulates automation and basic management information (MI) provision - as relevant to project-based teams.</p>
3		Knowledge+	<p>This theme accentuates Method Grid's unique differentiation - as a knowledge enabler. It includes all features that facilitate the development, curation, structuring, reviewing and sharing of “best practice” resources.</p> <p>This theme also includes visionary components with respect to machine-learning based continuous improvement (CI) “loops” and the behavioural “nudges” - that keep this CI discipline alive.</p>
4		Integration	<p>This core theme includes both internal integration (i.e. all modules of the solution work seamlessly together) and external integration (to other solutions).</p> <p>External integration can be further broken down into an “Integration Centre” (developed integrations for relevant applications e.g. MS Teams, Zoom etc.) as well as the opening up of our REST API for external developers.</p>

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Deep MI

This theme talks to management information (MI) beyond the basic provision - as well as deeper analytical tools. With vision, we see this aspect facilitating insights into corporate productivity and the optimisation of repeatable “best practice” delivery templates (i.e. linking project outcomes to optimised knowledge resources and delivery behaviours).

Figure: Method Grid Roadmap | Key Development Themes

With MG21, we seek to materially progress themes 1 to 4 and commence initial R&D “in-roads” into theme 5.

Theme Detail

Theme 01 | Enhanced Engagement

The following table describes the key release sprints and ideas that will further bring this theme to life in MG21:

Type	Ref	Feature Description	Priority
RELEASE (14d)	1.1	Editable (and re-orderable) file/video links in content areas	1
RELEASE (14d)	1.2	Browser push notifications (existing notifications mirrored, notification settings page updated to turn on/off)	1
RELEASE (14d)	1.3	Configurable grid/element display. Ability to configure what content displays on the element thumbnail. Ability to export simpler (knowledge/proposal) view to print /pdf	1
RELEASE (14d)	1.4	UX redesign/modernisation of the menu. Move the main menu from top banner to left-hand side	1
RELEASE (14d)	1.5	Ability to drag/drop file and image uploads into element content areas	1
RESEARCH TASK	1.6	Further enhancement of collaborative grid working - involving live indication of active users and dynamic grid refreshes. Work scoped.	1
RESEARCH TASK	1.7	Further to 1.3, to explore whether we need an additional view-only mode facility? User discussion	1
RELEASE (14d)	1.8	UX redesign/modernisation. Notifications modal pop-out - filtered by category type. Back-end facility to generate simple notifications (text and url)	2
RELEASE (14d)	1.9	UX redesign/modernisation. Collapsible grid library column on left-hand side of viewport (to include favourites/recent)	2
RESEARCH TASK	1.10	Document preview (potential integration with MS and Google viewers)	2
RESEARCH TASK	1.11	Enhanced Search (scans element text content and element attachment file names)	2
RELEASE (14d)	1.12	"What's changed since last view?" at grid level (new content since last login is visually accentuated)	3
RELEASE (14d)	1.13	"What's changed since last view?" at element level (new content since last login is visually accentuated)	3
RELEASE (14d)	1.14	Ability to manually collapse and expand stages and themes in the grid view	3
DESIGN DOCUMENT	1.15	Next evolution of element content area builder - seeking to make content areas more dynamic and interchangeable. Design document to initially explore new interface/concept.	3
RELEASE (14d)	1.16	The Method Grid grid store interface refreshed - grid visuals, additional information and user popularity feedback (e.g. star ratings)	3
RELEASE (14d)	1.17	System generated notification updates to include images and user	3

		feedback function (e.g. thumbs up/down)	
RELEASE (14d)	1.18	Additional grid schedule view developed - stages and elements displayed against fixed calendar timeline (e.g. elements lozenge-shaped per start date and due-date).	4
DESIGN DOCUMENT	1.19	Scope design of mobile app v01	4
DESIGN DOCUMENT	1.20	Scope design of initial bespoke visual-MI widgets for dashboard top banner (Overview, Tasks, Element tabs).	4

Table: Method Grid | Theme 01 | Enhanced engagement release sprints/ideas

Theme 02 | Intuitive Productivity

The following table describes the key release sprints and ideas that will further bring this theme to life in MG21:

Type	Ref	Feature Description	Priority
RELEASE (14d)	2.1	Visual-MI dashboard summary on the account overview tab - detailing overall status of portfolio and RAG trends	1
RELEASE (14d)	2.2	Element copy/paste via single step action button on element thumbnail	1
RELEASE (14d)	2.3	Folder cloning - copies all grids within a folder and retains intra-grid links (preserving hierarchical/layered master grid structures)	1
RELEASE (14d)	2.4	Development of the ProdHub 01 - initial page with display of user's tasks	2
RELEASE (14d)	2.5	Development of the ProdHub 02 - display of system notifications as tickable actions	2
RELEASE (14d)	2.6	Development of the ProdHub 03 - Task filtering (via a visual-MI banner)	2
RELEASE (14d)	2.7	Development of the ProdHub 04 - Addition of "floating tasks" (i.e. personal tasks not linked to a specific grid/element)	2
RELEASE (14d)	2.8	Ability to "complete" an element with a single element-level tickbox. This will require conditional logic with respect to any subordinate element tasks i.e. where tasks exist this marks all as complete (with user warning messaging)	2
RELEASE (14d)	2.9	Ability to save and restore filter-customised dashboard views (overview tab)	3
RELEASE (14d)	2.10	Ability to save and restore filter-customised dashboard views (tasks tab)	3
RELEASE (14d)	2.11	Ability to add additional team members to a specific task (with RACI assignment additionally possible). Add @team tag to task commenting to notify this group.	3
DESIGN DOCUMENT	2.12	Exploration of in-element form based content areas to capture dynamic user data in project/grid instances. To include how such data is reported and analysed. This might lead to additional modules in the "Integration Centre".	3
DESIGN DOCUMENT	2.13	Exploration of "Automation Centre" concept (at the grid level). "If this [activity] triggers then ... do [this activity]" type engine/builder.	3
RELEASE (14d)	2.14	Development of the ProdHub 05 - addition of personal goals and targets	4
RELEASE (14d)	2.15	Enhanced chat/comment features - reaction emojis and file attachments.	4
RELEASE (14d)	2.16	Access control at the individual element level (provides further access choke-down of the grid access levels)	4

RELEASE (14d)	2.17	A master date reference (captured at grid level) able to auto-populate (referential) grid task “due dates” during grid cloning	4
RELEASE (14d)	2.18	First development iteration of activity log analysis i.e. visual-MI at the top of this dashboard to highlight key activity summaries and trends (e.g. member use, most popular grids/elements etc.)	4
RELEASE (14d)	2.19	Ability to clone multiple grid instances with single click	4
RELEASE (14d)	2.20	Recurring Tasks feature per PPM Roadmap	4
RELEASE (14d)	2.21	Task “flow down” feature per PPM Roadmap	4
RELEASE (14d)	2.22	Ability to view (ProdHub) tasks in different views e.g. calendar-based view.	4
RELEASE (14d)	2.23	Ability to reveal stages/theme based on completion of pre-cursor tasks/elements/stages	Backlog
RELEASE (14d)	2.24	Development of a risk management (process facilitation) module	Backlog
RELEASE (14d)	2.25	Ability to reveal new elements based on completion of pre-cursor (logic-linked) elements. Potentially linked to 2.22	Backlog
RELEASE (14d)	2.26	Addition of common feature “hot keys”	Backlog

Table: Method Grid | Theme 02 | Intuitive Productivity release sprints/ideas

Theme 03 | Knowledge+

The following table describes the key release sprints and ideas that will further bring this theme to life in MG21:

Type	Ref	Feature Description	Priority
DESIGN DOCUMENT	3.1	<p>Exploration of alternative master-child grid data “flow down” i.e. master-child relationship enforces content updates in the master grid to automatically “flow down” to child (cloned) grid instances.</p> <p>This logic-attribute specified as part of the grid cloning action.</p> <p>Possibility to also explore the idea of facilitated “flow back” also i.e. selected best-practice from project instance grid taken back up to master reference grid.</p>	1
RELEASE (14d)	3.2	<p>“Undo changes” feature - that works in element edit mode. Previous, say, 10 actions and major edit “snapshots” are stored with the ability to return to previous states. Once an editor leaves an element this feature resets (i.e. no undo available at this point).</p>	2
DESIGN DOCUMENT	3.3	<p>In-app video/voice record option. Explore the solution path for this feature set.</p>	3
RELEASE (14d)	3.4	<p>Simple grid-level version control table - allowing grid editors to capture version snapshots in a simple table: version number, date, version description.</p>	4
RELEASE (14d)	3.5	<p>User feedback on grid content - up/down thumb voting and recommendation capture. Summary reports available.</p>	4
DESIGN DOCUMENT	3.6	<p>Exploration of an “Attestation module” i.e. the ability to initiate an attestation report (“I want this set of users ... to formally attest that they have seen ... this content change”). Summary reports as to status of completion available.</p>	Backlog
DESIGN DOCUMENT	3.7	<p>Exploration of knowledge #tagging concept e.g. elements and grids can be bespoke knowledge tagged and this is another retrieval feature of the search engine</p>	Backlog
DESIGN DOCUMENT	3.8	<p>Exploration of a bespoke QA process e.g. element contents go through various QA stages and sign-offs - as configured by overall process. Process notifications and visual indication of QA stage.</p>	Backlog
RESEARCH TASK	3.9	<p>Conceptual exploration of how the solution can best facilitate: (1) an automated “lessons learned” (LL) and (2) a “continuous improvement” (CI) loop. How do we best harness operational psychology and behavioural nudge theory - in advancement of LL and CI disciplines - within the MG feature set?</p>	Backlog

Table: Method Grid | Theme 03 | Knowledge+ release sprints/ideas

Theme 04 | Integration

The following table describes the key release sprints and ideas that will further bring this theme to life in MG21:

Type	Ref	Feature Description	Priority
RELEASE (14d)	4.1	Basic (access only) Method Grid app live in Microsoft Teams Apps Store	1
RELEASE (14d)	4.2	Integration Centre 01 - develop "Integration Centre" page with first iteration of a Microsoft Teams app (app 1; scoped to 14d release sprint)	1
RELEASE (14d)	4.3	Integration Centre 02 - Additional app 2 (each app scoped to 14d release sprint) e.g. Sharepoint	2
RELEASE (14d)	4.4	Integration Centre 03 - Additional app 3 (each app scoped to 14d release sprint) e.g. Zoom	2
RELEASE (14d)	4.5	Integration Centre 04 - Additional app 4 (each app scoped to 14d release sprint)	2
RELEASE (14d)	4.6	Integration Centre 05 - Additional app 5 (each app scoped to 14d release sprint)	2
RELEASE (14d)	4.7	REST API v01 (scoped to 14d release sprint)	2
RELEASE (14d)	4.8	REST API 02 (scoped to 14d release sprint)	3
RELEASE (14d)	4.9	REST API 03 (scoped to 14d release sprint)	3
RESEARCH TASK	4.10	Explore integration with a time-tracking module	Backlog
RESEARCH TASK	4.11	Explore integration with a budget management module	Backlog

Table: Method Grid | Theme 04 | Integration release sprints/ideas

Theme 05 | Deep MI

The following table describes the key release sprints and ideas that will further bring this theme to life in MG21:

Type	Ref	Feature Description	Priority
DESIGN DOCUMENT	5.1	<p>Conceptual exploration of ideas that can better arm projectized organisations with visual-MI that supports an interrogation of account-level productivity e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Linkage between intended outcomes and process/output• Linkage between process compliance and intended outcomes• Linkage between team member engagement and intended outcomes <p>What features, visual-MI and analysis tools can support account seniors in answering these questions?</p>	2

Table: Method Grid | Theme 05 | Deep MI release sprints/ideas