



Viewpoint For Projects vs. Other Document Management Solutions

Which Makes the Most Sense for Your Construction
Project Documentation?



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Construction projects have multiple stakeholders and different teams—all working together and sharing vast amounts of important information at critical points in the process. Using a purpose-made solution to upload, share, and revise a diverse set of project documents and file types is vital for project success.

There are many popular document sharing systems that can come free with an existing piece of software or be downloaded, so it's not uncommon for contractors and owners to use them. They can be valuable tools for enterprise-level document storage, sharing, and version control within a team, but they have their limitations for collaboration among wider project team members.

That's where Viewpoint For Projects comes in. This eBook outlines the differences and similarities between other document management systems and Viewpoint For Projects (VFP), and highlights how a connected system, designed for contractors, helps to manage, organise, and share documents, drawings, and data more effectively and collaboratively.



Our System:

Viewpoint For Projects

Trimble Viewpoint's Viewpoint For Projects is a common data environment designed specifically for the construction industry. It is a cloud-based solution, accessed via web browser. Viewpoint For Projects combines document management with powerful workflows, permissions and revision tools—meaning each project member sees the latest versions of relevant documents and gets rid of the noise.

- Streamlined document management
- A single source of construction data truth
- Easy-to-use interface to manage complex construction workflows
- ISO 19650 metadata and Classification
- Custom fields
- Leading-edge data security protections



Document and Project Management Capabilities

One project can contain hundreds, sometimes thousands of files. How do you guarantee that everyone is working from the latest version of each file, and can only access what they need to see? This is often a challenge with systems that are not purpose built for the unique requirements of construction. Viewpoint For Projects is preconfigured to how construction works—which means your IT team doesn't have to build the costly infrastructure.

	Other Document Management Systems	Viewpoint For Projects
Permissions	Workflows can be created for internal users, but external ones are more difficult to control. They require a developer or business analyst to create unless third party tools are purchased.	Permissions can be input into detailed status driven workflows that ensure ISO19650 compliance for both internal and external users. Viewpoint For Projects users can easily create workflows with a simple drag-and-drop tool. Project managers can build workflows and then template them for use on subsequent projects.
Project Control	Often a great solution for those businesses first transferring over from paper to digital, but document revisions, auditing, and permissions become difficult to maintain once business hits a certain size.	Viewpoint For Projects gives work package control through virtual containers, distributions, workflows and view and markup of native files.

Ease of Use and Administration

In order to get the most out of any solution, there needs to be a quick and simple onboarding process, the system needs to be easy to maintain, and there needs to be ongoing support from the solution provider. We understand that business and personnel changes can often mean a change in how the system is working, and this shouldn't be a hefty infrastructure cost. Choosing to have the system hosted by Trimble Viewpoint saves all the hassle, and your customer success manager will regularly meet with you to make sure the system is working just how you'd like.

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Implementation	Can be included with existing software packages, and so the "basic" version is ready out of the box. However, as they are often open platforms that give companies the ability to build how they want, they can be expensive and time-consuming for mid-sized businesses that lack the IT expertise and infrastructure.	Viewpoint For Projects offers comparable flexibility and configurability without the same IT costs and requirements. Plus, Viewpoint For Projects comes ready with construction specific features like tools for drawing reviews and mark-up tools.
Support and Maintenance	Customers sometimes get a dedicated account manager or a solutions engineer if very large. Some solutions may have an online portal with self-serve FAQs and tutorials, with an option to upgrade to phone support.	All customers get a dedicated account manager. Trimble Viewpoint provides UK-based support for all customers at no extra cost, which includes email and freephone support for internal and external users of the system. Customers also have self-serve portals for FAQs, refresher videos and user training, and, a professional services team can help with training and configuration help.

Security Measures

In an age where contractors are being required to track and retain more information than ever (years after projects finish), and with recent upticks of data security breaches (especially against on-premise construction companies), ensuring data security is vital. That's why we take protecting your construction data seriously, and consistently earn top certifications from many bodies, including G-Cloud and Cyber Essentials, **to make sure your data—and your business—is secure.**

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Security	Internally-managed systems can become compromised if there isn't the robust security infrastructure in place that is regularly updated.	Viewpoint For Projects is certified in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ISO 27001 Certified• Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials PLUS certified• SOC 2 Type II certified (SOC 3 reports available on request)• GDPR Compliant• Licensed to provide services to Government (G-Cloud)



Conclusion

Whilst other document management platforms can be comprehensive file sharing systems, they lack the industry knowledge and preconfigured structure for construction projects. You might even feel that your current system isn't quite good enough, but it's a cheap system and will do for now.

But think: one costly mistake from working from a document that may be out of date makes a purpose-built common data environment like Viewpoint For Projects worth it.



Your next project deserves a solution specifically designed for the job.

If you want to find out more about **Viewpoint For Projects**, call us on **0800 048 8152** or [click here](#) to request more information.



ABOUT TRIMBLE VIEWPOINT

Trimble Viewpoint construction software solutions, part of Trimble Connected Construction, allow contractors to better manage their projects, processes and people, using the data gathered to lower risk and improve margins. With more than 40 percent of the ENR 400 on our platforms, Trimble Viewpoint innovations are transforming the construction industry by connecting operations across project management tools and mobile field solutions.

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