

# OPM3® ONLINE OR OPM3® PRODUCTSUIE?

## A Comparison of Factors and Features

Since PMI introduced the Organizational Project Management Maturity Model (OPM3), followed by OPM3 ProductSuite, organizations have asked for some clarification regarding the two available approaches to organizational assessment: the OPM3 Self-Assessment Module (SAM) available through OPM3 Online and OPM3 Assessment administered through OPM3 ProductSuite.

The essential distinction between the two approaches is one of degrees of rigor. OPM3 Online, with its Self-Assessment Module, provides user organizations with a basic, broad-brush picture of the state of their project management maturity and areas most in need of improvement. This may be a good starting point for many organizations before committing more time and resources to assessing and increasing maturity. The OPM3 ProductSuite Assessment, on the other hand, represents a more substantial investment and involves certified assessment support. This process provides an advanced, rigorous methodology using sophisticated software tools and yielding assessment data that is detailed, nuanced and actionable. Some of the most important distinctions between these two approaches to assessing project management maturity are as follows:

### OPM3 Online Self-Assessment Module

Generally conducted by the organization.

Indication-based. No verification of the answers given is performed. Indication of maturity.

Best Practice-level assessment, with possible manual Capability-level;

Binary scoring. Yes/No questions.

Fixed number of questions.

Multiple assessments allowed, but with manual compilation of results. Benchmarking capabilities available to participants.

Manual improvement plan

Manual application of assessment to strategic goals.

### OPM3 ProductSuite Assessment

◀▶ Conducted under direction of PMI Certified OPM3 Assessor™ or PMI Certified OPM3 Consultant™. Software requires license to use.

◀▶ Evidence-based. Requires interviews of multiple stakeholders and documentation of existence of processes being claimed. Measures actual maturity.

◀▶ Capability-level assessment fully automated.

◀▶ Two scoring methods: binary and OPM3 ProductSuite scoring, with point system allowing graduated or partial scores on many items.

◀▶ Number of questions limited only by selected scope of assessment. Scope based on targeted domains, improvement stages, and business results.

◀▶ Multiple assessments allowed with automated compilation of merged assessments and future benchmarking potential.

◀▶ Automated improvement planning tool

◀▶ Relation to strategy designed into the tools.

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