



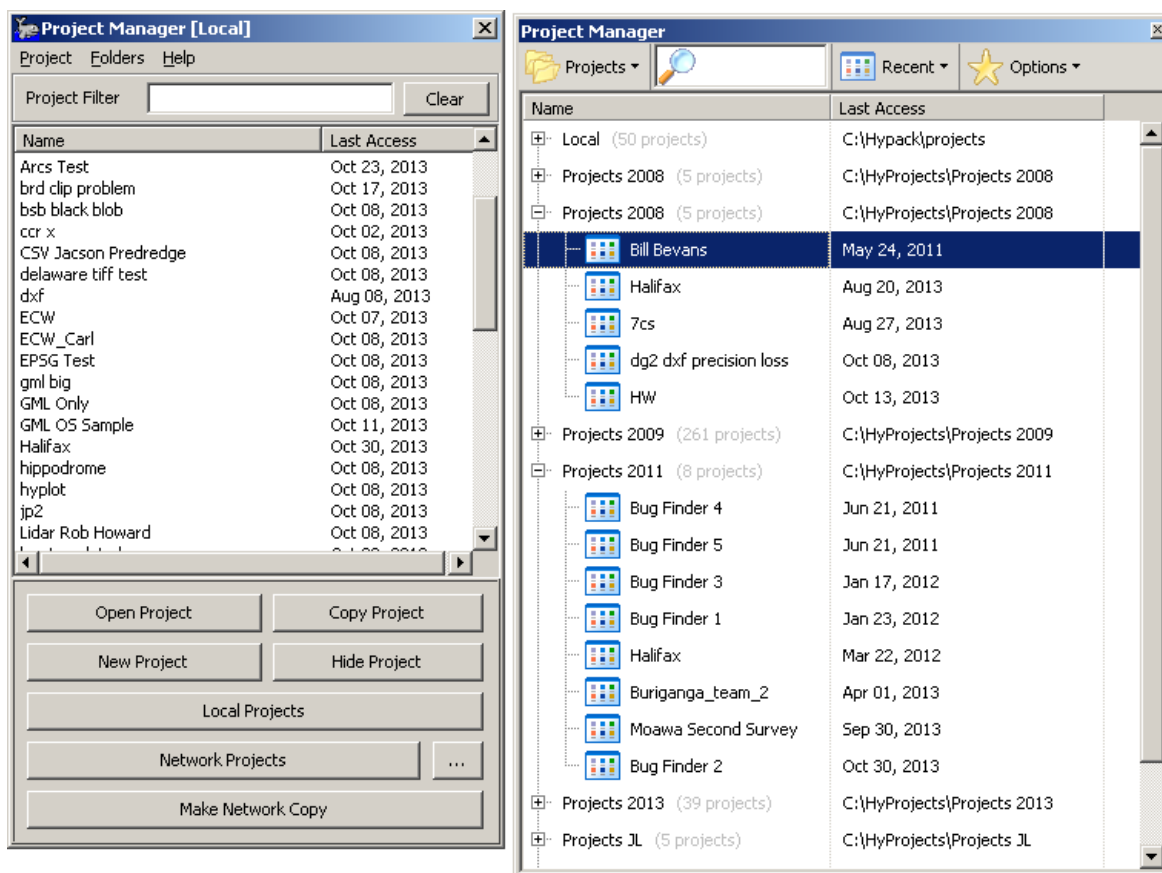
2014 Project Manager

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Managing projects in HYPACK® 2014 has been redesigned to be more powerful than previous releases.

Not to worry. We have kept all the functionality of the previous manager, extending some parts as required.

FIGURE 1. Side-by-side Look at the Old (left) and New (right) Project Managers



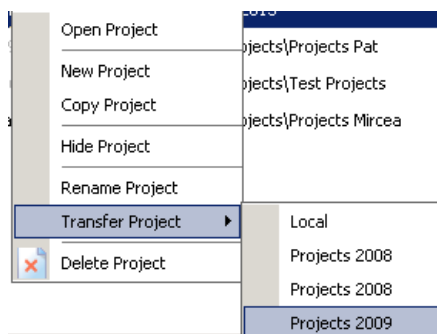
NO LONGER A MODAL DIALOG

The window containing the Project Manager can be re-sized, hidden or shown, float or be docked inside the new shell. In the default setup, it will be a docked window on the left side of the HYPACK shell.

You may also spot right off the lack of all the buttons. These have been replaced with Context sensitive menus to make interaction more intuitive. Context sensitive means the menu you see when right-clicking on an item is tailored to make sense in the 'context' of that item. The example, in Figure 2, shows the context menu for a Project folder. Of interest is the Transfer Project sub-menu, which allows moving a Project between any Project Group location.

Previously this was restricted to transfer between the Local Group folder and the Network Group location.

FIGURE 2. *Transferring a Project*



MANAGE MULTIPLE GROUP FOLDERS EASILY

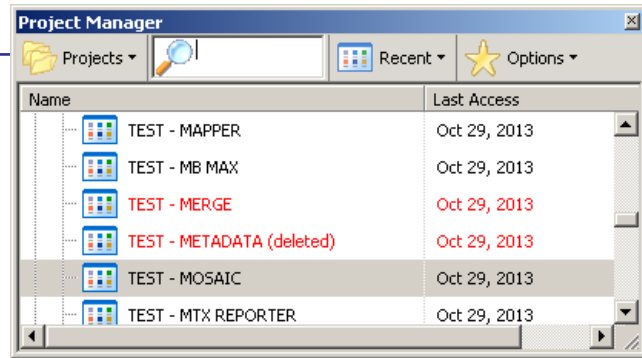
A Project Group is the root folder on a computer containing Projects. There is always at least one Project group folder which is stored in your HYPACK® installation location. This folder is always displayed as Local. In the previous manager, we allowed one alternate Project group location, which was known as the 'Network' folder. The updated manager allows you to add as many Group folders as you like. These can be displayed individually in the manager window or all simultaneously. A handy feature we added is the ability to rename a Group folder to something more meaningful to you. Select the 'Set Display Name' option in the Group Folder context menu.

SEARCH PROJECTS IN MULTIPLE FOLDERS WITH THE ENHANCED SEARCH FEATURE

The search filter has been extended to work with multiple Group folders. Entering text in the filter field causes only those projects containing the text to be displayed. You can now use the keyboard to modify the filter text even when the focus is inside the projects tree view area. As the filter narrows selections, the count of projects (faint silver numeric number displayed next to Group folders) changes to show the appropriate number of projects meeting the search criteria.

FIGURE 3. *Display of Hidden Projects
(Show Hidden Projects Mode)*

Hiding and Showing projects is more intuitive. You can turn on and off the display of hidden projects. When turned on, any hidden projects inside a Project Folder are displayed in red. To restore a project to normal visibility, simply select 'Show Project' from the context sensitive menu. In a similar fashion select the 'Hide Project' option to hide a Project during normal visibility mode.



OTHER OPTIONS FOR DISPLAY CUSTOMIZATION

Projects can be sorted by Name or Last Access date simply by clicking on the appropriate column. Click the same column again and you will reverse the sorting order. You can even change the column display order by clicking and dragging the columns.