



# Email + Excel Were Never Built to Run Projects

Area	Email + Excel	Wrench SmartProject
Information Storage	Scattered across inboxes & files	Single source of truth
Version Control	Manual & error-prone	Automatic & enforced
Status Visibility	Lagging, manual	Real-time
Dependency Tracking	Not visible	Built-in
Delay Detection	After milestones slip	Early warning before impact
Accountability	Follow-ups & reminders	System-enforced commitments
Reporting	Manual, time-consuming	One-click dashboards
Audit & Traceability	Difficult	Complete & defensible
Decision Speed	Slow	Immediate
Delay Prevention	✗ Reactive	✓ Proactive

## Key difference:

### We Thought This Was On Track

#### Email + Excel:

Status turns red only at the monthly review.

#### Wrench:

Missed daily commitments trigger early warnings weeks earlier.

### Which Is the Latest Drawing

#### Email + Excel:

Multiple attachments, multiple versions, site rework.

#### Wrench:

One approved version, fully traceable, always current.

### Why Did This Delay Happen

#### Email + Excel:

Long email searches and blame discussions.

#### Wrench:

Clear data showing what slipped, when, and why.

## Why Email + Excel Fail as Projects Scale

Don't understand dependencies

Don't protect you during disputes

Don't enforce readiness

Don't escalate risks

# When Teams Switch to Wrench

Projects involve multiple contractors or disciplines

Schedule delays start affecting revenue or reputation

Reporting becomes a full-time job

Leadership demands predictability, not explanations

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