

#	Question	Answer
1	What does P6 have that Asta Powerproject doesn't?	P6 is a true enterprise level multi-user, multi-project scheduling tool well suited for larger groups of schedulers and collaborators to work together in one environment and have "live" data interaction. While Asta does have an "enterprise" tool, the tool does not deploy the same as P6 and is more similar to MS Project Server where remote schedulers "submit" their schedules to be part of an "enterprise" database. Our Program and Construction Manager clients need the power of P6 and P6 EPPM for their larger client deployments. Asta PP is an excellent stand-alone and group-level scheduling tool.
2	Can Asta create TSLD (Time Scale Logic Diagrams)?	Not that I have seen yet. There's no tool similar to Visualizer but I have not had a chance to get real creative with Asta and PowerDraw.
3	Are there any specific requirements for the BIM Model in order to work well with Asta?	Asta BIM will open a CAD file in a standard industry IFC format.
4	How are the changes to model handled in Asta? Is there a Synchronization feature similar to the Synchro Tool?	No there is not. When you bring down a revised model you would need to manually search for new items (unscheduled product mode) and link them to tasks.
5	Is training required or can experienced schedulers figure out Asta themselves? How good is the software manual/training materials and does it come with the software?	I always recommend training to use a tool more effectively and quicker. I was able to get up to speed (relative to my needs to produce a simple schedule) without training but found that there were a number of items that I struggled with that our staff who went through training were able to help me with.
6	Has Asta been used on any CalTrans Projects?	No but it is currently being assessed for use by PennDOT

7	I have found the Asta printing interface somewhat counter-intuitive. Would this come from a lack of experience or is this a shortcoming?	My "intuitive" revolves around P6, so I struggled with the interface a bit. Once I spent some time in it I was able to accomplish most of what I needed to do. It's billed as "Microsoft friendly" but I did find that I had to go to different places in the software to set up fonts for different parts of the screen which I thought was not intuitive. Like any new tool it takes some time to become familiar with it.
8	Is there an advantage to importing an Asta schedule into a P6 schedule rather than opening an Asta exported XER schedule in P6 directly?	You don't open an XER file in P6 "directly". All XER files must be imported into P6. If you have P6 on a machine and double click on the xer file, it automatically IMPORTS the schedule. It's the same as importing manually.
9	Does Asta Import/Export with Microsoft Project?	Yes. It supports XML and MPX.
10	Can Activity Codes be used to group and select activities the way we are used to?	Yes.
11	Are we able to insert manual page breaks into layouts as P3 used to, but P6 does not?	Yes, users can add page breaks all the way to the activity level.
12	How is User Support provided by Asta? Is there an Online Knowledge Base?	There are online support materials available from Asta. There are also many tutorials on YouTube. For user support, the First level of support comes from the reseller that you purchased your software from, training is not included as part of the user support. If an issue persists with the software, support will be elevated to Asta directly. The turnaround time for Asta Support is usually within 24 hours.
13	Is training included as part of the software purchase?	Training is not included in the price of the software. We can setup training for individuals or groups. If additional details are required for training, please feel free to contact us.
14	Does Asta support SDEF Files?	Asta does support SDEF Files and is currently the only other software other than Oracle to support these file types