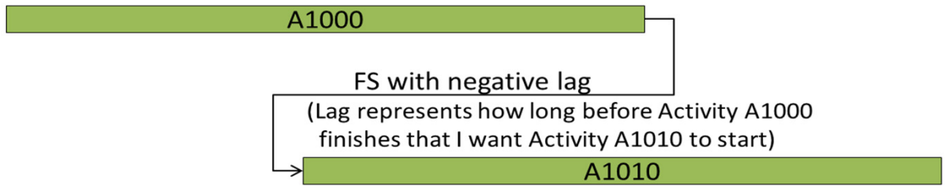
Questions from May 2014 Tech Webinar — **Presented by: Don McNatty**

Title: Linear Scheduling with P6 Visualizer 8.3

#	Question	Answer
1	**Will this display the logic across the swin lanes?**	**1) Assuming "this" means Visualizer, and "swim lanes" are the channels that logic lines are confined to, Visualizer does not seem to support "direct logic lines" which would cross "channels".**
2	**You had mentined using negative lag. Would this be a good practice to use?**	**Negative lag is logical and can be justified when you want the finish (not the start) of a predeccsor activity to control when you start a successor activitiy. I do not have a problem with negative lag as long as the purpose is clearly documented and everyone involved agrees with the justification. The biggest issue with any lag is that it's really a "hidden activity" with no description or other attributes. I can accomplish the same goal achieved with negative lag by inserting an activitiy to represent the duration of the "negative" lag. See example on right.**
3	**Would you believe visuals can be done in grouping using codes and not showing relationships plus showing milestones by collapsed bar?**	**Possible but not as much fun as using Visualizer.**
4	**Why not use lags to position the start or finish of mobile work activities to avoid conflicts with stationary activities.**	**You can, however you may not be sure of the lag values until you show the mobile activity across time and distance to verify whether a conflict exists or not.**
5	**Why would I try to use P6 on a "linear project" when there's already software that does this?**	**Usually because submitting P6 CPM schedule is required by your specifications. You could use Tilos or PCF in concert with P6, as we did with Visualizer, to better analyze your P6 schedule in a linear format. But if your needs are not that complex, this is a simple procedure that accomplishes the essence of "linear scheduling" without having to buy or learn additional software.**
6	**Can I install Visualizer on a stand alone machine and use it by itself?**	**I expect that the P6 application user license would prevent that leagally, technically Visualizer use the P6 database and P6 functions that would require P6 to be on the same machine as Visualizer.**
7	**Can I use Visualizer with P6 EPPM?**	**Yes, but you need to have a local or hosted deployment of P6 Professional that can connect to the P6 EPPM database.**
8	**Can I use Visualizer to create schedule graphics from Unifier?**	**No. It appears that Visualizer uses P6 funcitonality through the P6 API and it is designed to only connect to a P6 Pro/EPPM database.**
9	**Will Visualizer work with an older version of P6, such as ver 7?**	**No. It will only connect to an 8.3.2 database.**

Option 1 – use negative lag to position start of successor



Option 2 – use an activity to position start of successor