Questions from November 2014 Tech Webinar   **Presented by: Don McNatty**

Title: Installing and Configuring Local Databases with P6 Pro 8.4

#	Question	Answer
1	Can I install both Oracle and Microsoft Databases and switch between them in P6 8.4?	Yes. Each database in P6 has it's own "alias". You can run local MS-SQL Express, Oracle Express and Oracle SQLite as well as remote DB connections to Group or Web databases.
2	How do you migrate data from any Database to SQL Lite?	The "migration" we discussed was to migrate an existing Oracle Express or MS-SQL Express P6 database to P6 8.4. The databases remain in their native Oracle MS-SQL formats. If you absolutely wanted to migrate existing db's to Oracle SQLite you'd have to use xer files for projects and manually enter global data because SQLite does not support external connections for data migration (without some direct programming, anyway).
3	For multiple databases, would you only need to configure in P6 and not SQL?	The only reason to configure MS-SQL is to be able to rune P6 utilities against a MS-SQL db server to create new P6 db's. If you chose to run only Oracle SQLite, then you can use a P6 utility (dbsetup.bat) to create new Oracle SQLite databases.
4	Can you continue to use the basic SQL database in 8.4? Is it worth it to upgrade from 8.3 to 8.4?	I think it is. 8.4 still supports the same databases as 8.3 (Oracle Express and MS-SQL and MS-SQL Express. I've been using 8.4 for over a month, have had no problems connecting to Visualizer, Claim Digger, P6 Risk and Acumen.
5	Can you install P6 8.4 with SQL Express 2014?	Not sure. 2014 is not on Oracle's supported database list. I assume it will work but may technically not be supported.
6	Will Change Inspector on SQL Lite?	Assuming Change Inspector is an external program that connects to P6 Pro the answer would be no, at this time. Oracle SQLite does not yet support external (ODBC/SDK/API) connections.

7	Do I have to migrate server databases to 8.4 for P6 Pro 8.4 to connect to it?	Yes. This means that anyone connecting to a server database migrated to 8.4 will also need to upgrade to 8.4.
8	Can I continue to run 8.3 and install 8.4 on the same machine?	No. If the installation detects the presence of 8.3 then it will ask to upgrade the 8.3 installation to 8.4. If you chose not to upgrade I would expect that there will be problems trying to run both on the same machine. A database has to be migrated to 8.4 to coneect to 8.4 which would mean any existing 8.3 would not be able to connect to it.
9	If I upgade to 8.4, how can I still run Sae Pro, Acumen Fuse or Claim Digger?	You can still run all of these tools against 8.4 as long as you are using either a MS-SQL/SQL Express or Oracle databases. I just ran Acumen Risk against a schedule in 8.4 that uses a MS-SQL Express database.
10	If I use 8.4 can the consultant reviewing my schedules in 8.3 still open my files?	Yes. When you create an XER export file be sure to specify that you want an 8.3 file format.