## Questions from April 2014 Tech Webinar

Title: Unifier - Strategies for Migrating to P6 R8.3

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#	Question	Answer
1	If Project Links is gone, does that mean we can no longer link projects in P6?	"ProjectLink" was a feature in earlier versions of P6 that allowed you to link external MS Project schedules to a P6 master schedule. That feature is no longer available in 8.3. The ability to link activities across P6 schedules (projects) is still supported.
2	Any improvements to performance, e.g., program startup speed?	8.3 is definetly faster than any previous versions both in loading as well as execution. We often find that P6 speed issues are not related to the software but to the environment or the data (i.e. importing P3 schedules is known to cause P6 to become sluggish).
3	Since I have Jack Rabbitt/Apache, how do I migrate over to 8.3? What is used? Is there a conversion tool?	There is no conversion tool, there is "conversion experience". Typically we would write sql scripts to migrate the data into a new environment. A simple needs assessment (looking at what you have) can provide a cost estimate to migrate data form one content environment to another.
4	If P6 EPPM and P6 Pro have different databases, would that create problems using the same data in the same database	You only want to have a single "system of record". When P6 Pro connects to a P6 EPPM database it is using the EPPM database, not the P6 Pro database. That is one of the reasons why P6 Pro has reduced functionality (Administration) when connected to an EPPM database.
5	Is there a functionality for prioritizing projects and calculating priority scores for projects?	Yes. Built into P6 EPPM.

6	What do we get by combining P6 and Contract Management or Unifier?	When Contract Management is linked to P6 EPPM, the CM portals and cost worksheet can be displayed and accessed from the P6 EPPM Project Workspace. When CM is connected to P6 EPPM or Pro, P6 activity percent completes can drive CM payment request line items. Additionally, CM documents and costs can be seen and accessed from the P6 Pro Contract Management detail tab.
7	Reflections are no longer available in EPPM?	Reflection projects have never been available in the web (P6 EPPM) version of P6. Reflections are only available in P6 Pro. I've attached a feature matirx that Primavera provides that compares P6 EPPM and P6 Pro features.
8	Is there a way to tell if we have old versions "junk" in our system that is casusing poor performance?	If you have reduced performance it's likely that this could be the cuase. We have seen many environments increase their performance when all data is moved to a new, clean database. This could be as simple as creating a new database, rebuild your global data dictionaries and then use xer exports and imports to move your projects to the new database. Xer or XML exports do not bring the "junk" with them.
9	How extensive is the migration/upgrade path going from 8.2 to 8.3?	Normally, it's very simple. We do this upgrade for hosted clients overnight, usually at no cost. If there are API utilities connected that could cause the process to be more complicated.
10	Can P6 Pro & EPPM still look at MS Project schedules from Subcontractors?	Yes, you would do a MS Project import. A best practice is to import to a "sandbox" database, verify the data, then export as a P6 xer and import the xer into your P6 production database.
11	Is migrating different than upgrading/updating to the next or newest version?	As shown on slide #'s 23 and 24, upgrading is a different process than migration.
12	Why is P6 EPPM (Web) not recommended for printing?	It's not that it's not recommended, it's just that printing Layouts from P6 Pro is easier and provides better control than printing layouts from EPPM.

13		Chances are if you have version 7 or up it's not a legacy license. If you have version 5, it is a legacy license. If you have version 6, it could be either. If your P6 license has a "serial number" it's probably legacy. If it has a "CSI #" then it's probably not. The license # can be verified with Oracle through your Authorized Primavera Partner.
14	When you have a new database, what is the best way to migrate extraneous DB/User Data - i.e. Layouts, Filters, Global Changes, Global Activity Codes and User Defined Fields?	Oracle Support Knowledge base does provide an SDK based Excel utility that can be used to extract and load global data. The SDKk was discontinued after 7 but was recently added back in to support 8.3 Pro.
15	Do you need to use the same considerations when migrating from P6 8.2 to 8.3 as you discussed in migrating from V6.0 to V7.0?	No. That is a simple upgrade.
16		No. Visualizer organizes resources similar to how P6 does based on the combination of resources.