

Title: Overview of Primavera Unifier & Contract Management

#	Question	Answer
1	How is Unifier's Schedule Functionality?	We haven't spent any time in the schedule sheet yet. We do know that it can function standalone or integrate with a schedule in P6. We will cover that in the next webinar. (SEE ANSWER IN QUESTION #12 FOR FURTHER EXPLANATION)
2	How well/easily can Contract Management (Version 14) Data get integrated into Unifier?	PCM data can be exported a number of ways but has to be reformatted to import to Unifier. To date, Oracle does not provide any automated migration tools and we do not anticipate any type of automated tool in the future. Currently this is conducted utilizing a series of internally developed scripts that we use to capture PCM data, review & clean it, then transform for import to Unifier. We are also in the development stages with web services/XML approaches to automate the process externally and also move attachment history. Another option for migrating data is Exporting via CSV Files.
3	Are Mobile Devices, Android, able to have Out-of-the-Box Mobile Access?	We did try with an Android phone using Version 9.12 but could not get access. We will try with Unifier 9.13 and communicate our findings. While Oracle communications indicate support for Android we have not yet been successful in getting mobile to run on the Android OS.
4	How is Oracle handling licensing for Unifier, relative to how they currently handle Contract Management Licenses?	Unifier Licensing is based on Modules, with named user licenses for each module. PCM Licensing is named user license for full application. This means that one PCM User (1 License of PCM) may require multiple licenses of Unifier (1 for Project Delivery & 1 for Cost Control)
5	Can you add columns into the Cost Worksheet for say different types of Adjustments?	Yes, The cost sheet is fully configurable. What you saw was the base product version but you can add, hide, delete columns and auto-populate column data from Business Processes or Formulas.
6	Does Unifier work with different Browsers (Firefox, Chrome)?	Currently no, but it is definitely on the road map. Roadmap is currently slated as CY2014. Unifier is currently supported on IE 7, 8 & 9.

7	<p>How does Unifier work for Agencies that must look at both Total Budgets and Fiscal Year Budgets? Is this possible in the Cost Worksheet?</p>	<p><b>Absolutely. This is one of the features of the Capital Projects Package. You can set up separate Cost Business Processes to support Total and Fiscal Year Budgets and then display this in Cost Sheets as separate columns. Unifier also handle's schedule information which would assist in the Fiscal Year Management.</b></p>
8	<p>Does Unifier bolt up to other legacy ERP Systems such as Budgeting, time Keeping, Procurement, etc..?</p>	<p><b>There are very few integration utilities that just install and work. Unifier is no exception. Through Unifier's Web Services. You can create an Integration Layer to interact with legacy ERP Systems. The limitation is what data is actually exposed (and how it is exposed) from the legacy ERP Systems.</b></p>
9	<p>Can the Home Screen be Customized, based on Role (like those done in Contract Management)?</p>	<p><b>Unifier is completely permissions based, so you can create Groups (like Roles in PCM) that will have a specific permission set for what users in that group can do or see in Unifier.</b></p>
10	<p>We use Contract Management to produce Hard Copy Forms that are physically signed by contracting parties. Are these included in the basic deployment of Unifier?</p>	<p><b>The Base Product Business Processes automatically create and attach a PDF document that is based on the screen form. By default, creating business process records does not result in a document which can be printed. This would require the Business Process to be customized to support creation of a formal "document" and use version control as each wet signature is captured/scanned and attached.</b></p>
11	<p>Is it possible to have more than one Company Workspace?</p>	<p><b>No, there can only be one Company Workspace. But if for example, you are a CM firm or a GC that works for multiple customers you can use "Shells" to create separate workspaces for each customer. Multiple Company Workspace would require multiple installations of the Unifier Application (i.e. Multiple Servers) A given Unifier Server supports one Company Workspace. Having multiple workspaces would not allow base product rollup of data across multiple servers.</b></p>
12	<p>How is Unifier's Schedule functionality? I am under the assumption that Unifier has a schedule piece.</p>	<p><b>Unifier Does have a built in schedule functionality that can be used by itself or integrated with a schedule in P6. There are options available. Roadmap plans include additional integration to the P6 Application</b></p>

13	<p>What has the experience been regarding Unifier's Document Manager versus another solution like SharePoint?</p>	<p>By Definition, SharePoint is designed for sharing, which means more limited access controls. Unifier can provide pre-defined as well as flexible folder structure and access security. So far I like the built in controls, versioning, check in-check out along with comments. Folders are User Defined, so there's flexibility. The Business Processes create unique folders to organize documents easily. Mostly, the security of the documents within Unifier is important as I have found most customers who use SharePoint have a disconnect from the Project Control System (Unifier) and a broken audit trail.</p>
14	<p>For the RFI Business Process, can the required fields be customized, forcing the person doing the entry to enter in some fields before it proceeds?</p>	<p>Yes. All base product Business Processes are fully customizable and come with the ability to set any editable fields to be required. You can also modify how the workflow works to fit your company needs. If the person does not have all required information the BP is saved to a "Drafts" folder so that required information can be added later and then continue the BP (Business Process).</p>
15	<p>What are some of the areas where P6 Integrates with Unifier?</p>	<p>The Schedule Sheets. Currently, there is the ability to push data to Unifier. The key component is that fields from the Schedule Sheet must be mapped with fields in Unifier's Schedule Sheet.</p>
16	<p>Have you been able to get Materials to work in Unifier, just like PCM?</p>	<p>Unifier should be configurable to track Materials; in fact should provide additional functionality through O&amp;M Phases. We have not currently set up a test environment with this feature, however.</p>
17	<p>Does the RFI also go automatically to the Document Manager?</p>	<p>If the Business Process is set up (the Base product BP's are not), then the "RFI" form (based on screen design? And any attachments can be automatically files in Document Management. (SEE ANSWER IN QUESTION #10)</p>
18	<p>How does Unifier compare to other Document Management Systems in the Market (Documentrum, Wrench, etc..)?</p>	<p>From our perspective it does not require as much custom programming to support a project management &amp; control business environment. Unifier provides more functionality regarding document routing, management and controls than a tool limited to just document management, including cost, schedule, etc. Unifier is comparable in the flexibility of the workflow design and routing.</p>

19	Has Unifier been deployed on any projects yet?	Yes. Unifier (Skire) has been around for a number of years and has a substantial track record. One current example is John Wayne Airport.
20	What's the Cost Implementation difference for a 50 User Implementation?	Assuming that you only need the Project Delivery module Unifier would likely run 2x the cost of a PCM environment. If you added the Cost Control module it would be 2.5x+.
21	My question involves our issues in the past using Contract Manager as Program Management tool where you were working on (say 80) separate projects at different phases of the construction cycle. We wanted high level summary information on each project, but most of the time we did have the detail information to input into the system in order to generate the summary information out of Contract Manager. Will we be better able to use Primavera Unifier with summary input information.	Program Level only information can be managed at the top shell level, and sub projects can automatically roll up into the upper shell cost worksheet views. Unifier Gate function provides controls on moving projects from one phase to another. You can use Unifier Gate functionality to show progress stage of different projects. If you are not wanting to add in all the detail data to then roll up to a summary level, you can also create summary level fields for a project and report on those. the data you store for a project is fully customizable.