Questions from December 2013 Tech Webinar   Presented by: Don McNatty & Lim Tan
Title: Unifier - P6 Cost Schedule Integration

#	Question	Answer
1	How robust is the Schedule Manager component within Unifier such that the need to link with P6 may not be needed?	In my opinion, it's not very robust at all. If you are serious about scheduling than you'll want to be using P6, MSP or the equivelant. P6 and MSP have built in integration. Other scheduling tools that can export to Excel/csv/xml format can be imported manually, automated with a SQLscript.
2	How would Unifier work in an organization where the costs and financials are in in SAP? How would the concept presented change?	One option would be to import SAP to Unifier. Another option is to use an Integrated reporting solution similar to what we recently used for one of our clients, that simplified the process greatly. **INTEGRATED REPORTING DASHBOARD CASE STUDY**
3	You stated the earliest ES and the latest EF for integration. What if an activity has a constraint? Or are you sending the dates as seen in the P6 Interface that is Start and Finish?	All Unifier looks at are the dates. Whether the date is constrained or not is not a consideration. You could add additional fields to the import, including a constraint flag, that could be used in Unifier reporting.
4	I notice there is no variance to Baseline Start or Variance to Baseline Finish Columns.is there a workaround to incorporate?	There are various additional fields available including Baseline dates. The Variances, if they are stored in the P6 db would likely be available as well, just not in the "base package".
5	Two databases? then if a conflict, which one will be accepted?	By two database we mean that two projects in a single Unifier database would be related to two P6 schedules, each of which could be in different P6 db.
6	Will the integration work with a non web Primavera database i.e. Primavera P6 Professional Project Management?	The DB must be a P6 EPPM database in order to link to Unifier, not a P6 Pro DB. Once the link is set up in the P6 EPPM DB through P6 EPPM, the links and transfer canbe executed by a P6 Pro client linked to the P6 EPPM database. Linking P6 Pro to an EPPM or non-EPPM DB is supported in P6 8.3.
7	Multiple schedule sheets? how used?	I might use multiple schedule sheets to store the P6 dates from multiple schedule versions (Baseline, update 1, TIA 1...) in Unifier for reporting and archive purposes.
8	Can the same activity have more than one CBS code assigned to it?	Not from P6. But a single CBS code can be linked to multiple activities. The import then takes the earliest start and latest finish dates for the activities linked to a CBS. It is possible to assign additional CBS Codes to Activities in the Unifier Schedule Sheet once the P6 data has been imported. However if you perform another data push from P6, your additional CBS Code assignments will be overwritten.
9	On the project schedule sheet in Unifier, is there a way to get early and late dates?	This would involve modifying the Primavera XML (using web services) and creating another Data Mapping file. You can then plot the curve based on early or late dates by setting up two cash flow profiles and using different set of dates on each.
10	How is the default S profile created and what data is it based on?	Unifier uses the same approach as P6 where there are a fixed number of time periods and you define the percentage for each period. The percentages by period define the curve. **CLICK HERE FOR S CURVE IMAGE**
11	Can multi curves be shown on the same cash flow graphic to do comparisons and analysis?	Yes. The example we deminstrated compared budget to committed. You can have any number of curves and they can include any data you define.
12	Can Unifier show the baseline cash curve vs current in one view?	Yes, see above. You'd just have to import both Baseline and current dates.