Questions from March 2014 Tech Webinar

Title: Unifier - P6 Cost Schedule

Integration

#	Question	Answer
1	Are there any preffered (proven successful) estimating tools available that integrate more effectively with Unifier? e.g. USCost, WinEst, Timberline?	None that integrate as well as P6. We have easily imported estimates and schedules of value sheets into Unhifier using the csv import format. So, if you can get into Excel, you can fairly easily import to Unifier. If you have an estimating standard inuse it would be fairly easy to create the same type of integration that P6 uses to Unifier for your estimaiting system.
2	ID default numbering sort of looks like how MSP works?	Sort of, except that MSP doesn't change the number unless you insert and I was constantly appending activities.
3	Can Unifier scheduling module do baseline variance analysis and importation to primavera professional without going through the Web version?	Unifier does not import anything to P6 (EPPM or Pro). P6 EPPM or Pro exports (sends, pushes) data to Unifier. You may be able to do analysis reporting in Unifier by sending P6 data to multiple schedule sheets and then comparing them.
	Are there any Permissions issues in Unifier with Schedule Sheets (e.g., PMs access 1 schedule sheet, and can not edit the Master schedule sheet?	Permissions can be set at the schedule sheet level. This is set in the Schedule Sheets Log for the project's Cost Manager.
4	unifier cost codes to multi activities, and single activity to one cost code looks like a conflict	It's not necessarily a conflict as you are only associating the Cost Code to the Activitiy. Allocation up to 100% across all activities wold have to be done in Unifier. Many to one and one to many is a very common issue when dealing with integration between cost and schedule systems.
	Can we do data mapping with Unifier version 9.9.3 and P6?	We have only worked with Unifier versions post-Oracle. ie v9.11 +. If there is data mapping in the 9.9.3 schedule sheet then yes and presumably it would be through manual import, CSV, XML.
5	What steps are required to import information from earlier versions of P6 specifically 8.2	If looking at the current version 9.14, the Oracle's tested config is with v8.3.0 +. That being said, this is more targeted at the built-in 'Send To Unifier' functionality. If you were importing manually via CSV or XML then yes you could import frm previous versions of P6. It then becomes a careful data mapping exercise.
6	Are there any differences in Unifier schedule functionality between 9.13 and 9.14?	No. For full understanding of differences between 9.13 and 9.14 please refer to the 'What's New in Primavera Unifier' document in the 9.14 help library.
7	If you could only go to one, which event would you attend?	Assume this refers to COLLABORATE 14. Please review the COLLABORATE 14 education sessions and choose appropriate to your own interest and level of experience.
8	Is there an ETA for Unifier version 10? And any preliminary indications of scheduling functionality in version 10?	COLLABORATE 14 should reveal what is on Unifier road map and version 10 ETA.
9	Are there any P6 rel 8.2 Advanced or Admin courses at Collaborate14?	Please review the COLLABORATE 14 education sessions. They will focus on 8.3, which would apply to 8.2 as well. Also see Brian Criss's presentation on P6 Admin given at Western Winter Workshop at Tahoe (in our latest newsletter).
10	Any experience sending schedule status updates from Unifier to P6 Pro or P6 EPPM? An example would be a PM providing a design start date change. Would this be possible or better left as an input directly via P6?	If you mean developing a web services component to do this then no. Our recommendation is to have one schedule source for update only, ie P6. As Oracle further develops the P6-Unifier integration we may see this as available functionality but new protocols will have to be rigoriously maintained if you have two separate sources from which to update a schedule.