

Title: Right vs Wrong Way with Project Acceleration

#	Question	Answer
1	What if activity duration compression is not uniform? Can you selectively choose activity compression?	Yes, by way of filtering activities, using WBS or other grouping (activity code, resource code, or even calendar applied).
2	If you know the optimistic duration, could you approach that level incrementally or likewise, other activities may be allowed to expand to their pessimistic duration to free up resources to apply to the accelerated activities?	That could be a method to accelerate activities, transferring resources from the lax activity to the accelerated activity. I would suggest that movement of resources be done in P6 to best take advantage of the software functionality.
3	Can you specify a hard stop to the amount of duration cutting for any activities?	Yes, through a series of scripts, you can isolate groups or individual activities to take only a certain percentage off (say 10% maximum) before continuing to other activities.
4	Once a file is accelerated and a new scenario is created, how is that file typically reapplied back to the scheduling software?	Typically, I see the accelerated scenario placed back into the schedule software as a target or baseline to compare against for future. It would be rare that it would be used as the new forecast schedule (not recommended and usually frowned upon by the PM).
5	Can Acceleration be done with no additional cleanup of the schedule beforehand?	While it is possible to do the acceleration on a "raw" schedule, Acumen expects or desires the project schedule to be sound and well connected with sound logic, avoiding as much as possible, redundant logic, constraints, lags, etc. These attributes constrict the natural flow in the software and jeopardize a confident result, especially if the schedule is being used to make key business or financial decisions.
6	Can I bring in other file types and perform this same review/acceleration?	Acumen accepts many different formats, MS Project, P6, Primavera Risk Analysis, Excel, Deltek Open Plan, Phoenix, Asta Powerproject and Safran are all scheduling software tools Acumen reads as a program default.