

CPM Scheduling with Primavera Unifier

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Abstract

CPM Scheduling with Primavera Unifier

 Oracle Primavera Unifier has a built-in scheduling component that supports creating schedules including activities, durations, logic and constraints. Unifier also supports importing schedules from P6 and MS Project. Many people have asked if they still need P6 to do schedules if they have Primavera Unifier? In this presentation we take an in-depth look at what schedule functionality is actually provided in Unifier, if it calculates a critical path, and how to best use this functionality to meet your scheduling requirements.





Agenda

- The "Unifier Webinar Series"
- What is Primavera Unifier?
- Fundamentals of the Unifier Schedule module
- Creating a CPM schedule in Unifier
- Perspective on CPM schedules with Unifier
- Integrating with P6
- Best Practice recommendation
- Questions





The "Unifier Webinar Series"

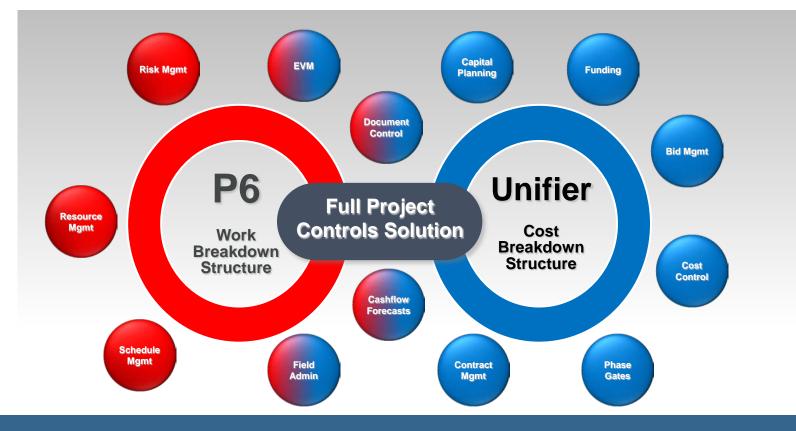
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What is Primavera Unifier?

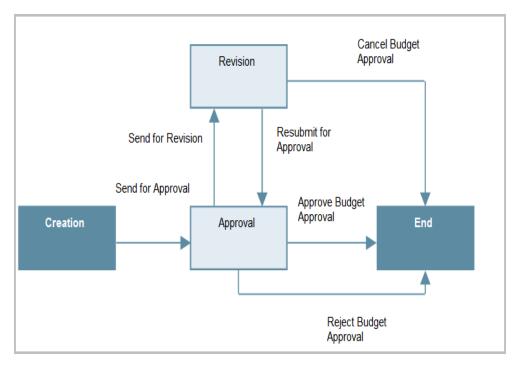
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What is Primavera Unifier?

- Full document management with configurable folder structure.
- Configurable Business Processes.
- Automation to drive business rules.







What is Primavera Unifier?

- Intuitive User Interface
- User defined content
- Real-time visibility of project data
- Specific access levels to information
- Complete audit trail of all edits and changes

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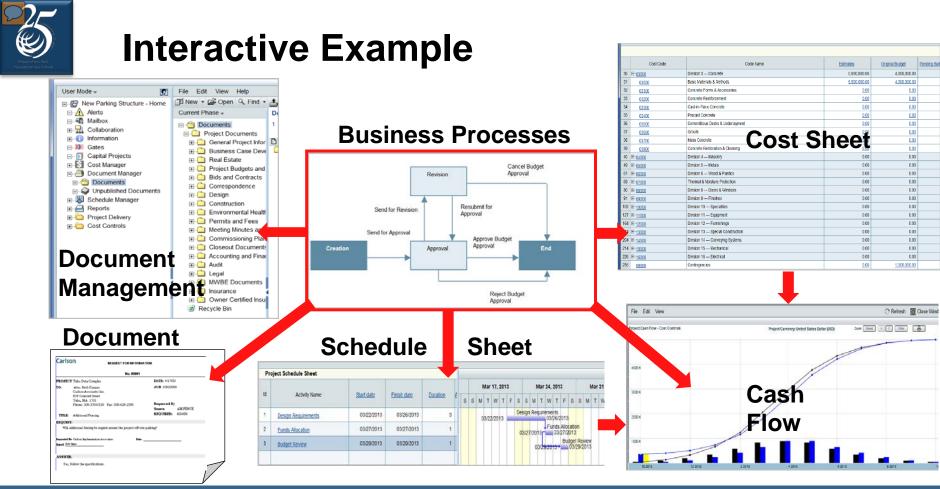


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Available Pre-Configured Packages R9.14 – Posted on eDelivery Dec 2013

- Capital Project & Program Management (CPPM)
 - Primavera Unifier Capital Planning
 - Primavera Unifier Cost Controls
 - Primavera Unifier Project Delivery Management









Fundamentals of Unifier Schedule Module

Part of the Cost Control Pre-Configured Package

- Administrator creates a Schedule Sheet Template.
- Multiple Schedule Sheets can be created but only one is the "Master".
- The Master Schedule Sheet integrates with other modules.
 - Cash flow requires integration between Schedule and Cost Sheets.
- Supports adding activities, durations, relationships.
- Indicates a "critical path".
- Also supports importing schedules from P6, MSP and CSV files.





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- Within a project, under Schedule Manager, create a New Schedule Sheet.
- Unifier allows multiple Schedule Sheets in a project but only one can be the "Master Sheet".
- You can select the Schedule Sheet to integrate with P6.
- Other schedule sheets might be versions or copies





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- Activities automatically renumbered as more added
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- Milestones display as diamonds but use a one day duration.
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- Check the detail screen on each activity for dates.
- The Detail window indicates that Late Dates are earlier than Early Dates!
- It turns out that the Detail window reverses the dates - can correct with uDesigner.
- The Float value is zero (0) even though there is a variance between Early and Late Dates.





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 The Schedule Sheet Template that is included with the "Pre-Configured Packages" includes columns for entering Actual Dates.

- Recalculation after entering actual dates is automatic
- The Columns icon provides ability to change columns.
- Use "New" button to add more columns.





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- Added Float column.
- Note that all Float = 0 (Zero)

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- Manually added the same activities with the same ID's in P6.
- The Submittal Approval Milestone (Activity 3) had to have a 1 day duration to match the Unifier calculation.
- P6 correctly calculates and displays Total Float.
- P6 provides sort based on Early Start.





Same schedule in P6 EPPM (Web)

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- P6 Web also shows correct dates, bars and float.
- This is the manually created schedule in P6.
- In the next section we'll show how this schedule, created in P6, can be easily transferred to Unifier to drive Unifier cash flow graphics and reports.





Perspective on CPM Schedules in Unifier

I would not attempt to build a true CPM schedule in Unifier

- While some calculations appear to be incorrect, they can be corrected or re-labeled using uDesigner in Unifier.
- Unifier Bar Charts can be built using activities and relationships.
- This is a simple way to create a bar chart to drive cash flow diagrams.
- If simple bar charts to drive cash flow are all you need, then you can avoid having to use an external scheduling tool.
- You can have the best of both worlds by allocating Unifier Costs in P6 and then "Sending" the dates/allocation into Unifier.





Other Integration Capabilities

Manually import schedules from following formats

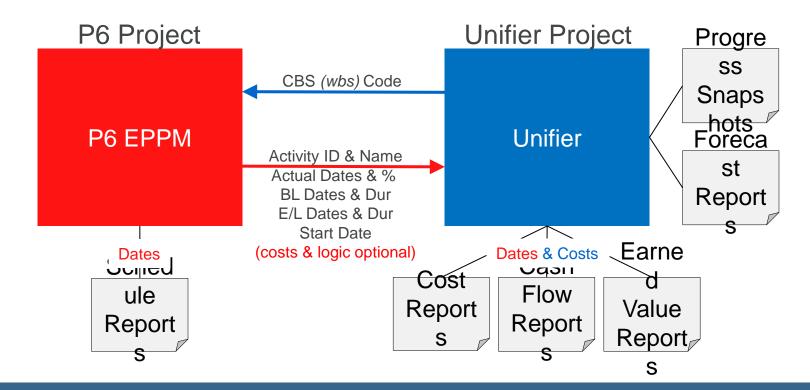
Data Format	Data mapping requirements
CSV	Requires mapping: you can select the mapping when you upload the file.
MPP	Mapping is not required. Import limited to Start & Finish Date, Duration.
Primavera XML	Requires default data mapping.
MS Project SML	Requires mapping: you can select the mapping when you upload the file.





Fundamentals of P6-Unifier Integration

Based on "Base Product" P6 EPPM 8.3 and Unifier 9.13 (8/2013)

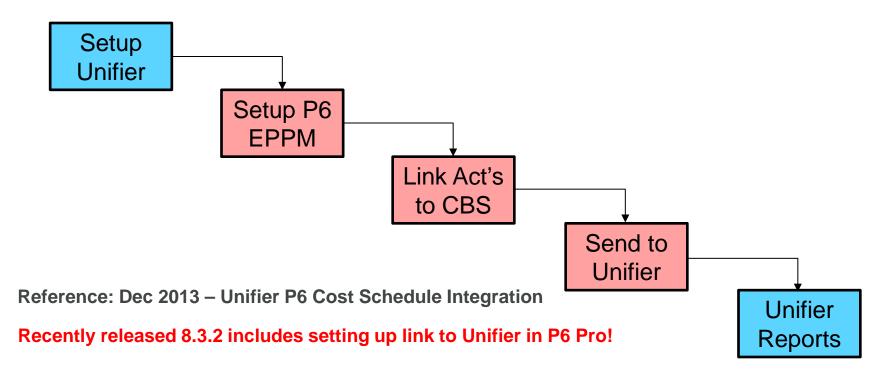






Integration Process

Based on "Base Product" P6 EPPM 8.3 and Unifier 9.13 (8/2013)







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Schedule Sheet - Data Mapping - Windows Internet Explorer



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- Go to Company Workspace Tab
- Be in Administrator Mode
- File, Open
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 B The Company "Short Name"
 C The "Authentication Key"
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P6 configuration must be done in EPPM

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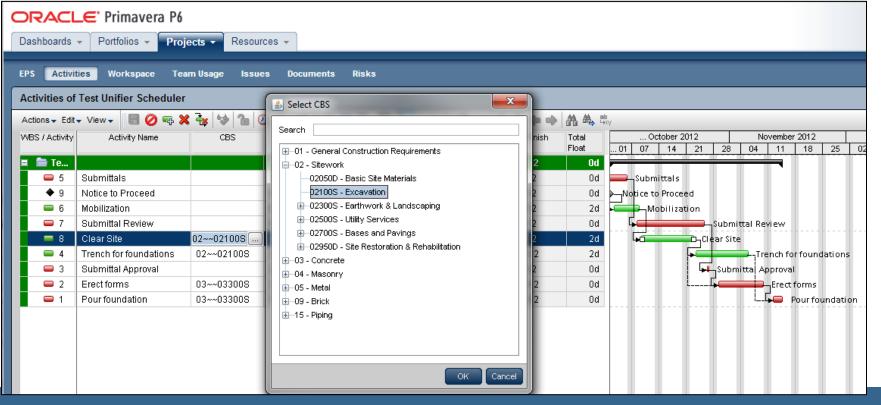
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In P6 (Web or Pro)

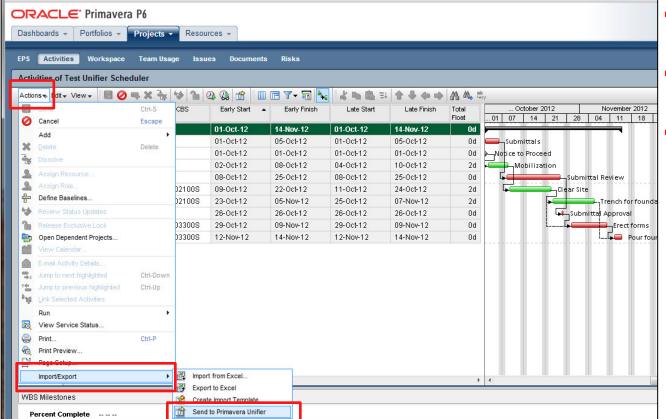
Add the CBS Column to your layout to populate Costs (optional)





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From P6 Web or Pro...



 From the Activities screen

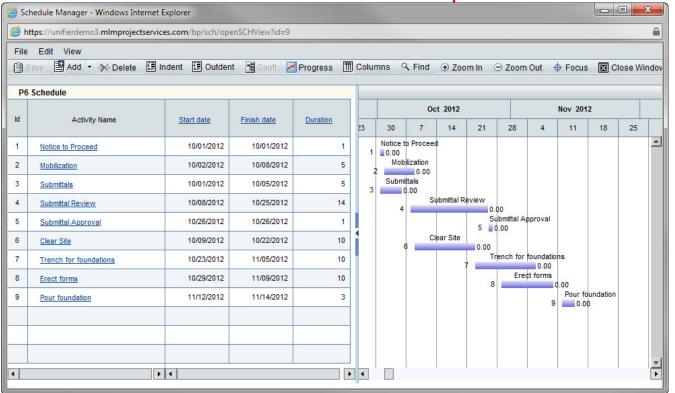
 Actions, Import/Export

 Send to Primavera Unifier...



P6 populates the Unifier "P6 Schedule Sheet"

Dates & Durations correct - did not import P6 float value



 The P6 Activity ID is stored in a separate Unifier field.

- The Schedule sheet can be updated based on current schedule.
- Schedule Sheets can be copied and saved as static versions of the schedule.



Unifier Cash Flow driven by P6 schedule



- The P6 dates are driving the initial "Baseline".
- I can filter out "Unassigned".
- Using Unifier Business Processes I can develop other curves.
- Other P6 dates can also be brought in to drive other curves such as commitments.





Integration Observations

Steps are straight-forward and worked smoothly from P6

- Setup required in P6 EPPM but can "send" from either EPPM or Pro.
- Unifier "costs" do not "import" to P6, you can only link an activity to a Unifier "CBS Code" (Cost Breakdown Structure).
- A Unifier Cost Code can be assigned to <u>multiple activities</u> in P6.
- A single activity on P6 can have <u>only one</u> Unifier Cost Code.
- "P6 Send to Unifier" can include cost allocations, earned value, resources and relationships.



Best Practice Recommendation

- Manage Costs in Unifier
 - (Funding, Estimates, Budgets, Commitments, Spends, Forecasts, Earned...)
- Manage the Schedule in P6
 - (Planning, Baselines, Current Updates, Forecasts, Earned Value, As-built)
- Combine as needed to produce time distributions of Cost Data or reports that are linked to the "System of Record" for each element.
- Simplify Cost/Schedule/Earned value reporting through Integrated Reporting.





Project Management

Create and save Activity Layouts/Views

Functionality	P6 EPPM	P6 Pro	Primavera Unifi
INITIATING			
Templates	≫ ⊀		1
Project Import / Export (XER,P3, MPP, XLS)		~	1
Project Import / Export (Primavera and Ms Project XML)	1	~	1
Assign project code values	1	1	
PLAWNING			
Open multiple projects at once	1	1	
Create a Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)	1	1	
Create activities	1	1	1
Import new activities from MS Excel	1	1	1
WBS level Summary Activity	1	1	
Create activity steps	1	1	
Create relationships between activities	1	1	1
Create cross-project relationships	1	~	
View activity relationships	*	~	~
Assign constraints to activities	1	*	
Assign roles to activities	1	~	Unifier Roles Only
Assign resources to activities	1	1	Unifier Resources On
Perform Critical Path Method (CPM) Scheduling	1	1	
Perform Resource Leveling	*	*	
Assign activity code values	1	1	
View activity notebook topics	1	1	
Interactive Gantt Chart	1	1	1
Configurable Gantt Chart (bar labels and colors)	1	1	
Create Custom Filters	1	1	1
EXECUTING			
Update activity dates	1	~	1
Update remaining units or percent complete (%)	1	~	1
Update activity steps & step UDFs	1	1	
Update activity notebook topics	~	~	
Update resource assignment details	*	~	
Update resource assignment actual units	1	1	1
Update Expenses	1	*	
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Perform Period Closeout	1	1	
Baselines	1	1	1
Create Reflection Projects		1	
Display Total Float	1	~	
Float Path Analysis	1	*	
Create and save Activity Lavouts/Views	1	1	

- Compares Primavera Unifier Schedule functionality to P6 EPPM (web) and Pro (client)
- Float calculations in Unifier would preclude referring to it as capable of CPM calc.
- Above could be corrected through re-writing prepackaged content.





Questions

All questions are gathered into a master sheet, answered and distributed to all registrants as well as posted on our website.

 Answers are based on our own experiences using the various software products related to your questions.

Thank you for participating

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