Questions from June 2015 Tech Webinar

Title: Working with Databases in P6 Professional 15.1

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#	Question	Answer
1	Can I install both Oracle and Microsoft Databases and switch between them in P6 15.1?	Yes. Each database in P6 has it's own "alias". You can run local MS-SQL Express, Oracle Express and Oracle SQLite as well as remote DB connections to Group or Web databases.
2	How do you migrate data from any Database to SQL Lite?	The "migration" we discussed was to migrate an existing Oracle Express or MS-SQL Express P6 database to P6 15.1. The databases remain in their native Oracle or MS-SQL formats. If you absolutely wanted to migrate existing db's to Oracle SQLite you'd have to use xer files for projects and manually enter global data because SQLite does not support external connections for data migration (without some direct programming, anyway).
3	For multiple databases, would you only need to configure in P6 and not SQL?	The only reason to configure MS-SQL is to be able to run P6 utilities against a MS-SQL db server to create new P6 db's. If you chose to run only Oracle SQLite, then you can use a P6 utility (dbsetup.bat) to create new Oracle SQLite databases.
4	Can you install P6 15.1 with SQL Express 2014?	As of March 2015, SQL Express 2014 is on Oracle's supported database list.
5	Do I have to migrate server databases to 15.1 for P6 Pro 15.1 to connect to it?	Yes. This means that anyone connecting to a server database migrated to 8.4 will also need to upgrade to 15.1.
6	Can I continue to run an older version of P6 Pro and install 15.1 on the same machine?	No. If the installation detects the presence of P6, any version, then it will ask to upgrade the installation to 15.1. If you chose not to upgrade I would expect that there will be problems trying to run both on the same machine. A database has to be migrated to 15.1 to connect to 15.1 which would mean any existing P6 versions would not be able to connect to it.
7	If I upgade to 15.1, how can I still use Claim Digger?	You can still Claim Digger in 15.1 as long as you are using either a MS-SQL/SQL Express or Oracle databases. If using SQLite, Claim Digger will not be available.
8	If I use 15.1 can the consultant reviewing my schedules in 8.3 still open my files?	Yes. When you create an XER export file be sure to specify that you want the export in 8.3 file format using the Export Version dropdown menu.