Questions from November 2017 Tech Webinar

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#	Question	Answer
1	What scoring method is your Acumen set on?	Default is set for Activity based method, which was the example shown. Could be toggled to metric based, which based on the question, you realize the difference.
2	In Acumen, for MS Project schedules, how do you see if actual dates are after the data date or activities prior to data date without actuals?	There is a metric set up for just this occurrence - Wrong status, its filed under the Status folder of metrics. Also, Not started is another metric to catch MSP issues.
3	Where does the Risk Register come from? The schedules submitted and summarized in Acumen or developed in Acumen?	Could be built internally or imported from Excel, depending on need. Usually more dependent on just how much effort has previously happened in development of a risk register outside of Acumen.
4	Are the Risk Events tied to specific activities in Acumen, are they independent, or do you have the ability to do either/or?	Yes to all. Risks can be attached to one or many activities. Can also be attached at the WBS level (to attach to all activities under a certain WBS). As Tom pointed out, could also be attached by organizing/filtering by activity code or other attribute (resource for instance) and map a risk discretely that way. There is also a toggle to have the risk prorate or treat the risk as absolute to each activity its attached to. If prorated, each activity tagged gets a prorated portion of the risk. If absolute, each activity receives the entire weight of the risk (whether that be cost or schedule or both).
5	Does Acumen Risk module pull in, use, or work with the Risk Register information from Primavera P6?	It doesn't directly. You would have to export from P6 to Excel first, then import into Acumen
6	When purchasing Acumen, is all shown included?	Each module can be purchased separately or bundled. Diagnostics (Fuse) includes the Projects, Diagnostics, Logic, Benchmarking, Forensics functions. Risk is its own module. Acceleration (sometimes called 360) also is its own module. We spent most of time using the Fuse set of tabs and a bit on the Risk module that Tom demonstrated.

7	Yes, most of the ones out of the box include planned, in progress and completed activities. Many of my most used metrics, I remove the completed tag. I really don't want the contractor to spend valuable time (\$\$ at an hourly rate) fixing issues in the past. My focus is current and future. Its pretty quick to change the metrics with that focus and can be shown how to change quickly.
8	The software is typically installed standalone but could be loaded to a server or shared drive if needed. It doesn't have direct link to the P6 database so the edits made in Acumen are made to an XER copy. That XER file then can be re-exported from Acumen and imported back into your database to be used for comparison, baseline or if desired, your new project schedule. We could help you evaluate which method makes sense to your needs.