

# Webinar: Primavera P6 in The Project Management Process

## Question & Answers from Webinar

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Question No.	Questions Submitted During Webinar	Answers to Webinar Questions
Question #1	How will P6 improve or change the ease of reporting of project status, costs, timeline, schedule to provide information to the ultimate project sponsor, the general public?	Primavera P6 allows Project Managers to view their project as a whole with activities broken out to the appropriate detail. This way the status of a particular work package can be identified at any time. In addition, P6 allows for graphical reporting that allows us to identify money being consumed (burn rate), resources being utilized, which activities are holding up progress in the schedule, and the likelihood of achieving the letting date.
Question # 2	What do the acronyms like P6 EPPM stand for?	EPPM stands for Enterprise Project Portfolio Management. This portion of P6 allows us to analyze a project (its health) from a macro level and, once we move into the production phase of the schedule, also allows us to analyze the program as "actuals" are realized. The advanced reporting within the EPPM module will allow us to better track the condition of our program (portfolios) and analyze if we are doing the right types of projects, utilizing our resources correctly, etc. In addition, this is where the administration of certain functions of P6 occurs for an enterprise deployment.
Question # 3	How can we ensure that Project Managers using P6 spend their time doing actual project development activities instead of spending their time polishing and updating schedules and reports?	Project Managers will be supplied with the appropriate reports to track and analyze their projects in an efficient and standardized method. Reports will be provided to identify the activities that are important in the review term and activities for moving forward. In addition, the Project Manager will be able to review the full schedule to identify future activities that are important for project tracking. This gives the Project Manager the ability to communicate and coordinate more effectively with external functional groups on the timing of project delivery within the overall schedule. Beyond reviewing reports and using them to effectively communicate the project plan, the Project Manager will have the opportunity to work with the Shared Service Centers to modify the schedule as needed to meet required dates and develop a plan to move forward.
Question # 4	EPPM (Web) - available at the project or district program level?	The final access level to EPPM is yet to be determined. Reporting on information provided within the EPPM module will be supplied to the appropriate level as needed.
Question # 5	Could we also track limits of the projects (begin/end R.P.'s) in the P6 database such that we could display projects on the GIS Basemap using the P6 data?	P6 has the ability to be extended to other systems, through programming. Preliminary investigations into the use of P6 with GIS systems for this type of reporting have begun.
Question # 6	Team member client - Can PMs view/update work others are assigned to?	Team Member allows for assignment to activities based on one of three methods: 1) Resource assignments (if you are assigned to the activity, you are responsible for updating); 2) Activity Owners (if you are identified as the Owner of the activity, you are responsible for updating – NOTE: you do not have to be actually working on the activity to be an Owner); and 3) Both of the above conditions will allow for updating the activity. We are currently moving forward with the Activity Owner as the update method because it
Question # 7	Is P6 EPPM Web a reporting tool only?	P6 EPPM Web is an administration, initial schedule setup, and overall project/program status tool. Oracle initially intended for the Web to be used as THE tool for scheduling; therefore most of the functionality of P6 is present. The power of the Web area is located in the dashboards, which can be set up to provide a quick overview of the projects for which a person is responsible.