Project Planning And Control Using Oracle Primavera P6 Versions 8.1, 8.2 & 8.3 Professional Client & Optional Client

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A user guide and training manual written for Project Management Professionals who wish to learn how to plan and control projects in an established Primavera Enterprise environment with or without Resources and Roles. This book is an update of the author's Primavera P6 Version 7 book and contains updated workshops, new content and an Earned Value chapter. It has been written so it may be used with any software industry version. The book is packed with screen shots, constructive tips and contains workshops with solutions at the end of each chapter for the reader to practice the skills taught. It has been written so it may be used with either the Professional Project Management Client version or the Enterprise Project Portfolio Management Optional Client. The book is aimed at:

1. People who wish learn the software but are unable to attend a training course and find the software reference manual hard going.
2. Project management companies who wish to run their own software training courses or provide their employees with an alternative text to the vendor supplied user manual.
3. Training organizations requiring a training manual to run their own training courses.

This book is a PMI Approved course and instructors PowerPoint slide shows are available to training organizations. PMI REPs may apply to have this course licensed to them and award 21 PDUs to each attendee. Primavera Systems Inc. originally asked the author to write this book and this publication is ideal for people who would like to gain an understanding of how the software operates up to an intermediate level. It covers only Primavera Versions 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 Professional Client and Optional Client Due to the new menus and toolbars release in Version 8. It explains some of the differences from SureTrak, P3, Microsoft Project and Asta Powerproject to assist people converting form other products. The book is designed to teach planners and schedulers in any industry how to setup and use the software in a project environment. It explains in plain English and in a logical sequence, the steps required to create and maintain an unresourced and resourced schedule. It tackles some of the more complex aspects of the software that the user manual does not address. It highlights the sources of information and the methods that should be employed to produce a realistic and useful project schedule. The book provides advice on how on how the many software options may be applied to projects environments and it aims to teach readers how to plan and control projects created within the software package and stays focused on explaining how to use Primavera to schedule projects by:

1. Concentrating on the core functions required to set up an enterprise environment and how to plan and control projects.
2. Providing command lists at the start of each chapter as a quick reference.
3. Providing a comprehensive table of contents and index of all topics.

The book is intended to be used: 1. As a self teach book, or 2. A user guide, or 3. A training manual for a three day training course. This book is written by an
experienced scheduler, who has used the software at the sharp end of projects and is not a techo. It
draws on the author’s practical experience in using the software in a wide variety of industries. It
presents workable solutions to real day to day planning and scheduling problems and contains
practical advice on how to set up the software and import data.

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Customer Reviews
I bought this book to help brush up on my somewhat rusty Primavera skills. First, it was easy to see
and read on my ipad - pictures of the Primavera dialog boxes, etc would pop up at a touch -
perfectly clear. The book could be used by anyone from beginner to rusty expert. The author goes
beyond a simple tutorial - explaining weak spots in the Primavera program.

This book is perfect for people like me who do not understand Primavera and wish to learn the
program from first principles. The books’ step by step instructions are clear and logical and the
contents are systematic and well organized. The instructions are supported by large numbers of
screenshot making it is really quick and easy for beginners understand the software. The book
ranges from outlining the basic Primavera principles to advanced functions for pro-users to further
develop their skills. I would also like to mention that there are plenty of detailed examples, covering
varieties of industries in different project environments. They coincide with the traditional project
management theories and also back them up well. Also there are workshops at the end of each
chapter with are step by step instructions taking users through each function of program, helping
people learn and remember the software by practicing using the software. These examples and workshops create vivid pictures and help people to better understand the software and most of the time I found the workshops even more effective than just the book and understanding the theory itself. Last but not least, I am glad I chose this book over others because it picks up lots of bugs and issues with the software. It avoids people to get confused in some of the difficult functions. This book is definitely a wise investment.

There are mistakes in the texts. The steps given sometimes are not completed. The tables are not clear to read in the direct page and when enlarged still remain unclear.

As a self-taught scheduler user, I purchased several of Paul E Harris' book in order to enhance my skills with the software. His books have become an invaluable asset in my day to day learning and utilisation of the software. In particular I like the extremely detailed index at the back of the books that provide a quick method of searching for topics that I am having difficulty with as well as listing all the related topics. I have not come across this detailed indexing in any other book I have used. I have also found that the workshops with answers though out the book are a practical way to ensure that I am operating the software correctly. I highly recommend the purchase of this or any of Paul E Harris' books for the purposes of learning how to use planning and scheduling software.

As General Manager or IT Training Solutions, based in Brisbane, Australia, we used the - Project Planning and Control Using Oracle Primavera P6 - Versions 8.1 & 8.2 Professional Client & Optional Client project management training manual to deliver professional quality training courses for end-users of Oracle Primavera P6 - Versions 8.1 & 8.2 Professional Client & Optional Client. We found this book to be a fantastic training tool for Oracle Primavera P6 - Versions 8.1 & 8.2 Professional Client & Optional Client and had many clients who went on to buy this book for internal distribution to the project management teams within the organization. If you're looking for a great training manual on Oracle Primavera P6 - Versions 8.1 & 8.2 Professional Client & Optional Client then you should buy this book! Curtis Chappell GM ITTS

I really liked this book as it helped me learn Primavera at my own pace and it was easy to understand, with great examples and clear instructions for each workshop. This book makes learning Primavera seem a piece of cake! It is logically structured, so that you can progress from a beginner level to an advanced level easily. It was great for me as I needed to keep my knowledge of
Primavera up to date for my job but I didn't have time to sit in a class for hours at a time. I would definitively recommend it!

This source of information is very thoroughly written. It was fairly easy to follow. The description in this manual take the end user step-by-step.

Good manual, but there are several parts where it could have been written much simpler and easier to understand.

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