PRIMAVERA CONTRACTOR

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EASY, AFFORDABLE
PROJECT MANAGEMENT
FEATURES

- Project spotlight feature for views into upcoming tasks and resources
- Baseline management feature to manage changes and adjust schedules
- Customizable Gantt and PERT charts and user-friendly report wizards
- Embedded Primavera Claim Digger technology for monthly schedule comparisons

BENEFITS

- Better forecast and manage with easy-to-understand views of cost and resource relationships.
- Easily exchange and coordinate schedules via send project feature and import/export wizard.
- Improved scheduling and communication of project status.

As a contractor on complex projects, you must have the ability to communicate equally effectively with clients and subcontractors—continually providing accurate and up-to-date status reports to project managers, while constantly assessing the progress and productivity of your subcontractors. Failure to do so can impair your ability to get paid on time. Oracle's Primavera Contractor removes that worry by providing an affordable solution designed just for contractors that makes project scheduling, reporting, and planning easy.

Expedite Project Planning and Scheduling

Designed for right out-of-the-box planning and scheduling, Primavera Contractor provides intuitive navigation that makes it easy for contractors to begin adding activities immediately. Drag–and-drop activity bars allow you to add constraints and modify plans, while still taking full advantage of critical path scheduling**.**

With its interactive, flexible PERT and Gantt charts, Primavera Contractor makes it simple for general contractors to communicate with clients as well as designers, other contractors, and subcontractors—in short, all members of a project team. What's more, Primavera Contractor's future-period bucket planning feature lets planners and schedulers model resource requirements in a way that truly reflects how work is planned and performed. This functionality enables custom distributions, or spreads, to be entered per resource.
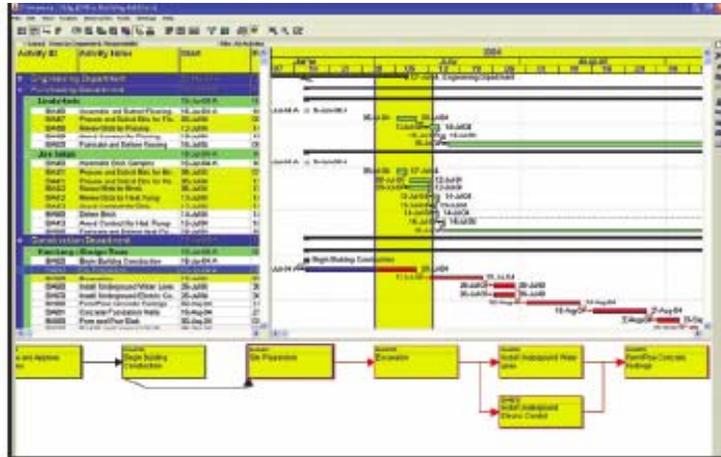
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Figure 1. Primavera Contractor streamlines the critical path to on-schedule project completion and ensures control of budget and costs.

Better Synchronize Projects

Although every project has a single master schedule, any sizable project is also likely to encompass a large number of subschedules, including those of contractors, subcontractors, and designers. Primavera Contractor's send project feature helps contractors stay in sync with the overall project by letting them e-mail schedules for inclusion in the project's master schedule. Users can even employ Primavera Contractor to create the master schedule itself. After a master schedule has been created, it's easy to integrate and approve contractor schedules and to import and export Microsoft Project and Microsoft Excel data, Primavera Contractor project plans, and other industry-standard Primavera software data.

Improve Productivity and Coordination

In any project, it's essential to know what has been completed and what needs to happen next—not nearly so straightforward a task as it sounds when you're talking about complex projects involving myriad contractors, subcontractors, and personnel within the client organization. Primavera Contractor removes this complexity. By using the application's progress spotlight feature, users can plan for the upcoming day, week, or month, linking activities to resources to ensure that workers have everything they need to get the job done. The result is that contractors can easily coordinate the labor, materials, equipment, and subcontractors to ensure on-schedule, within-budget project completion.

Primavera Contractor also has a baseline maintenance feature, which identifies upcoming tasks and, if the project scope changes, adjusts schedules as necessary.

Ensure Accountability

By allowing users to both assign activities to individual contractors and compare time-based budgets to actual costs and work performed (while

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maintaining independent estimates of cost to completion), Primavera Contractor makes sure that every member of a project team is accountable. In addition, baselines keep users informed of what's happened and what's changed, and the ability to create unlimited what-if scenarios means that users can explore numerous alternatives. Best of all, Primavera Contractor takes advantage of unique Primavera Claim Digger schedule analysis technology to automatically compare schedules from one month to the next. The result: contractors can identify early on any schedule or cost padding that could push projects over budget.

Improve Every Aspect of Project Planning and Execution

By adopting Primavera Contractor, contractors can ensure that every member of their project team is on the same page when it comes to scheduling, resource use, costs, and more.

Project Planning

With Primavera Contractor, contractors can

- Speed planning with project templates

- Model resource requirements with future-period bucket planning

- Manage multiple projects with ease

- Assign unlimited hierarchical activity codes

- Organize projects with true work breakdown structure support

Project Scheduling and Analysis

With Primavera Contractor in place, contractors can

- Apply critical path scheduling to projects with as many as 2,000 activities

- Control budgets, changes, and estimates at completion

- Manually or automatically update progress on activities

- Analyze schedule changes using embedded Primavera Claim Digger technology

- Use the progress spotlight feature to identify upcoming tasks

- Manage changes in project scope via the baseline maintenance feature

Schedule Coordination

With Primavera Contractor, contractors can make sure that all changes in a project's myriad schedules are reflected in the constantly updated master schedule. Specifically, the program allows them to

- E-mail entire projects using the simple send project feature

- Automate schedule integration via the import and export wizard

- Exchange data seamlessly with all Primavera scheduling products

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- Import and export Microsoft Project schedules

- Import and export project and resource updates

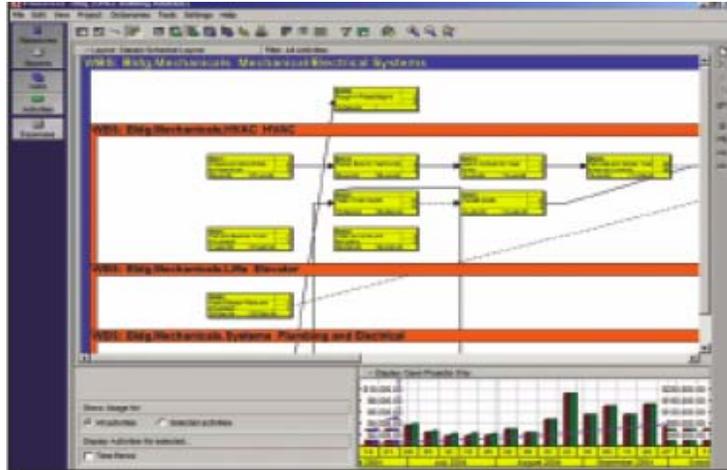- Combine schedule data from Excel via the import and export capability

Figure 4. Primavera Contractor provides an easy-to-understand graphic representation of project status and organization.

Graphics and Reporting

Contractors can use Primavera Contractor's construction-specific templates or the program's report wizard to produce an impressive array of status reports—quickly and with a minimum of fuss. With Primavera Contractor, users can

- Create customizable Gantt charts

- Identify driving relationships via PERT diagrams with trace logic

- Customize more than 150 industry-standard construction reports

- Insert photos, drawings, and text in any graphic

- Undo tasks, combine schedule data, and transfer information

Resource and Cost Management

Primavera Contractor's easy-to-understand views of cost and resource relationships provide contractors with the most accurate forecasting possible. With Primavera Contractor, contractors can

- Code unlimited assignments and resources

- Allocate resources to activities using distribution curves

- Compare baseline budget to actual units and costs

- Forecast cost at completion based on percent complete

- Track regular hours and overtime for accurate forecasting

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RELATED PRODUCTS

Primavera Contractor greatly eases project planning, scheduling, and reporting for contractors—simplifying schedules for projects with as many 2,000 activities. The result is increased productivity through better coordination among contractors, subcontractors, and client personnel, and improved scheduling of crews, materials, and equipment.

RELATED PRODUCTS

Oracle offers the following related Primavera project management solutions:

- Primavera P6 Enterprise Project Portfolio Management
- Primavera Portfolio Management
- Primavera Contract Manager
- Primavera Risk Analysis
- Primavera Earned Value Management

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