Oracle’s Primavera Portfolio Management Bridge for Primavera P6 is an optional bi-directional interface to Primavera Portfolio Management that links strategic initiatives to the project work that supports them in P6. The Primavera Portfolio Management Bridge combines portfolio selection with the skills of the team members needed to execute on them. The result? Adaptive insight. 

Creating Enterprise Value Through Versatile Portfolio Management and Disciplined Project Management

The Primavera Portfolio Management Bridge for P6 flexibly manages processes, initiatives and data. Portfolio managers propose, inventory, prioritize and select initiatives in Primavera Portfolio Management (Portfolio Management), and then manage their implementation efforts in Primavera P6 (P6). The Bridge ensures that strategic planning and operations are kept aligned and synchronized.

Primarily schedule, cost, resource and task details in P6 are managed as part of the overall process. Summaries of these details are important inputs to the on-going portfolio management process. Typically, indicators in Portfolio Management will incorporate this summary information to show how health, risk, constraints or benefits are impacted by project efforts. The Bridge automatically keeps this information up-to-date, so portfolio managers can make the best decision to meet their needs.

Flexible Configuration and Data Exchange

The Bridge leverages the P6 Web Services to provide a number of options in exchanging data to manage strategic initiatives. Data can be exchanged between the two systems at the project level, and at varying levels of the P6 work breakdown structure (WBS). The exchange of P6 WBS level data can occur between Portfolio Management dynamic list sub-items or Portfolio Management lifecycle phase elements (second level of the WBS only). This mapping mode is selected when an association is made between the Portfolio Management initiative and the P6 project. The Bridge configuration defaults can be set up to use only phase level or sub-items, or flexibly allow for mapping to one or the other. In fact, this flexibility makes it possible for the Bridge to support various processes, from managing initiatives for portfolio management to managing investment milestones in the U.S. Federal Capital and Investment Control Process (CPIC).
If the Primavera Portfolio Management’s Fast Track for Project Portfolio Management (PPM) component or Primavera’s Capital Planning and Investment Control solution is deployed, this data exchange can quickly be enabled through a comprehensive set of data fields that are automatically mapped between the two. Alternatively, custom mappings can be created for any Portfolio Management configuration. Once the mappings are established, the powerful features of the Bridge are just waiting to be unleashed.

**Project Data Mapping**

Accessing the Bridge Console or Bridge and Configuration Form in Portfolio Management enables the mapping of specific fields in P6, such as summary schedule, resource or cost information to categories in Portfolio Management. In the case of time-phased resource or cost information, the data is summarized using P6 spread fields and mapped to Portfolio Management categories.

**Dynamic List Data Mapping**

Dynamic lists offer substantial versatility in managing your data in a list format using the Portfolio Management Forms capability. Each dynamic list contains a set of categories and the rows within the dynamic list are represented by sub-items. When a project is published from Portfolio Management, the sub-items are created as P6 WBS elements at the second level of the hierarchy. Once project work begins, P6 WBS Level 2 data and beyond is updated to the dynamic lists, strengthening overall portfolio analysis in Primavera Portfolio Management.

**Lifecycle Phase Data Mapping**

The Workbook or Form functionality in Portfolio Management allows for the selection of a lifecycle with defined phases and deliverables for each project. In the simplest case, the project is published from Portfolio Management to P6, and it will contain the same phases and deliverables corresponding to P6 WBS elements and activity milestones. As with dynamic lists, phase data is updated in Primavera Portfolio Management as project work starts providing greater value to the portfolio analysis.

No matter which approach is used to integrate the two systems, the end result is easy access to the relevant, accurate, summarized information for the portfolio of initiatives to bring performance into crystal clear focus. The Bridge does just that – providing tremendous insight to optimize critical portfolio decisions by combining the power of strategy based portfolio management processes with project implementation details.
Other Primavera Portfolio Management Bridge Options

The Primavera Portfolio Management Bridge is a platform that not only supports P6 but also Microsoft Project Server. Organizations can aggregate their detailed data in tandem from both Primavera P6 and Microsoft Project Server optimizing their ability to make portfolio decisions from one system of record, Primavera Portfolio Management.

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