

Displaying Oracle Primavera P6 Baseline Critical Bars

1 Introduction

When analysing project delays it is often useful to know where the Baseline Critical Path lies.

This article is an extract from the authors book **99 Tricks and Traps for Oracle Primavera P6 PPM Professional** and explains how to display the Baseline Critical Path.

2 Background on the Baseline Critical Path Bar



P6 by default does not display a Baseline Critical bar, but once you have set a Baseline you will find there are many more fields available in the columns form, including the BL Total Float, which may be used to draw a Baseline Critical bar.

3 How draw a Baseline Critical bar:

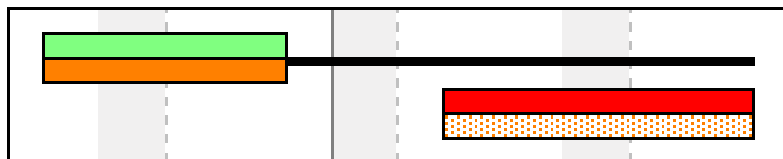
Create but do not apply a Baseline Critical Filter, this will be used later:

Display all rows	Parameter	Is	Value	High Value
<input type="checkbox"/>	(All of the following)			
	Where	BL Project Total Float	equals	0d

Create a Baseline Critical bar as per the picture below. It should be in the same position, which is set in the Bar Style tab, but below it in the Bars form, so it will be drawn over the top of the Baseline bar:

Display	Name	Timescale	User S	User F	Filter	Preview
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Baseline Bar	Project Baseline Bar			All Activities	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Baseline Critical	Project Baseline Bar			Baseline Critical	

The Baseline Critical bar will be drawn over the Baseline bar:



NOTE: If you make the filter and layout Global, then any user may use the layout to display the Baseline Critical bar.

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