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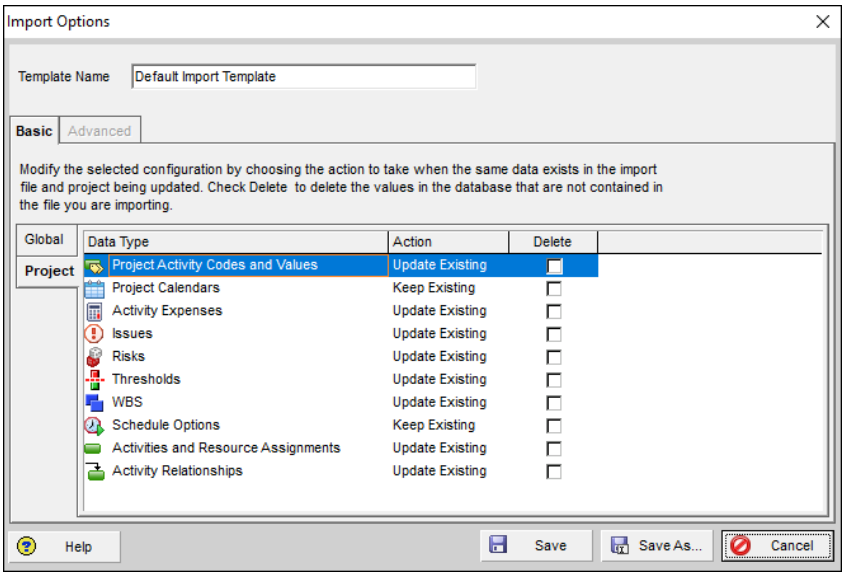
# Maintain Relationships with External Projects When Importing from Primavera XML Files

## 1 Introduction

When you import projects from a Primavera XML file, you can choose whether to retain relationships between activities in the project and those in external projects.

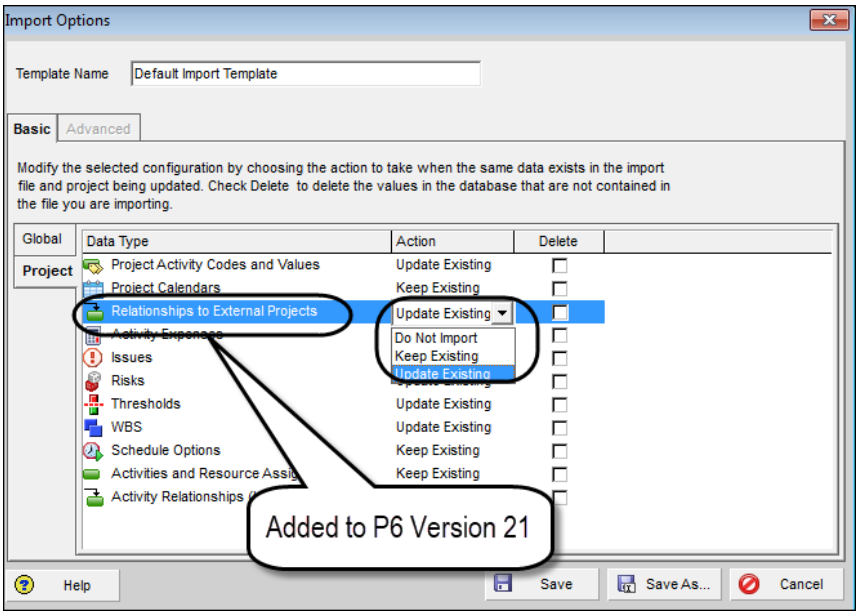
## 2 P6 Version 20

P6 Version 20 XML Project Import Options are as per the picture below:




## 3 P6 Version 21

P6 Version21added the option below:

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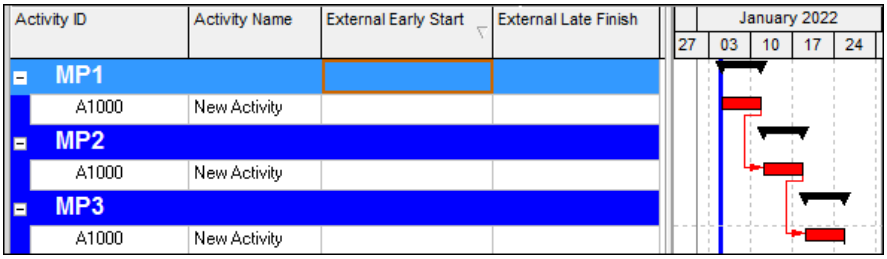
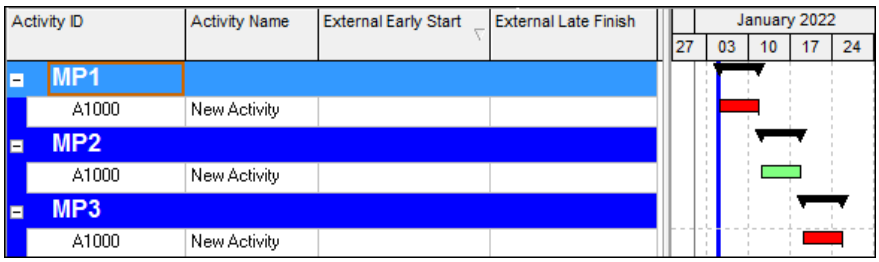
## 4 Understanding the process

Below are three projects, MP1, MP2 and MP3 with their single activities linked:

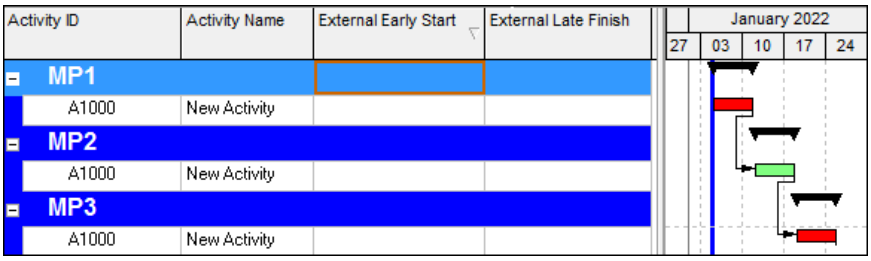



The second project, MP2 was exported, deleted and imported with each of the three options.

- With **Do Not Import**, External Dates not set:




- With **Keep Existing** or **Update Existing** and before Rescheduling,




**Note: External Early Start** and **External Early Finish** dates are not set with this update thus allows you to import a project and NOT set External Dates when the project have External Relationships.

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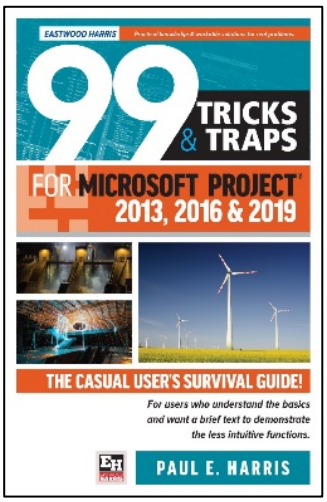

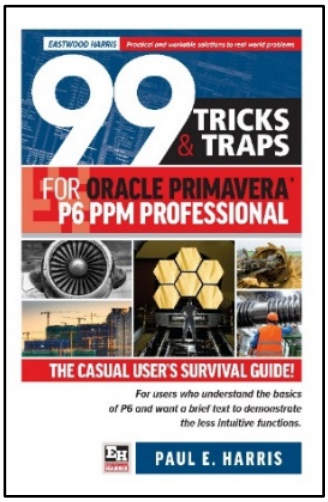


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