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280 B&W computer screen shots.

FRONT COVER SHORT DESCRIPTION The casual user's survival guide! For users who understand the basics of P6 and want a brief text to demonstrate the less intuitive functions.

READERSHIP The book is aimed at Project Management Professionals who are casual or new users and understand the software basics but require a short and snappy guide. It is the sort of book that may be read without a computer on the bus, train, or plane.

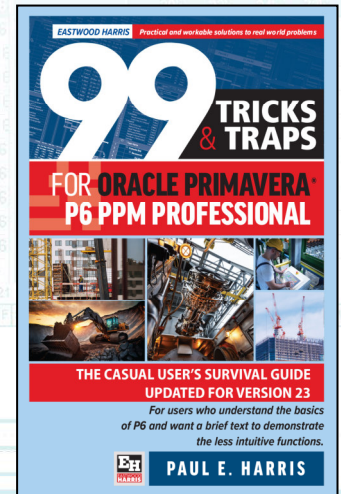
SHORT DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER This book quickly gets down to the issues that many people grapple with when trying to use some of the more advanced features of the software and enlightens readers on the traps that some users fall into and how to avoid them. It demonstrates how the software ticks and explains some tricks that may be used to become more productive with the software.

Suitable for people who understand the basics of P6 but want a short guide to give them insight into the less intuitive features of the software. It is packed with screen shots, constructive tips and is written in plain English. The book covers all versions from 8 to 23.

BACKGROUND ON BOOK The book picks out many of the key aspects from the author's exiting books and adds a substantial amount of new and original text to produce a pocket guide that omits describing the intuitive and obvious functions and concentrates on the issues that many users get stuck on or find hard to understand.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR Paul E Harris has worked in the project controls industry for a number of years and has assisted many companies in a range of industries to set up and run project controls systems with a strong focus on project scheduling software. He is the author of dozens of books on project management software including books on Oracle Primavera, Microsoft Project and Elecosoft (Asta) Powerproject. His Melbourne, Australia based company, Eastwood Harris Pty Ltd, offers project controls consulting and training services worldwide based on the books he has written and published. Paul Harris holds an Honours Degree in Civil Engineering obtained in the UK and is a Certified Cost Engineer through AACEI International, a PRINCE2 Registered Practitioner and a "Managing Successful Programmes" Registered Practitioner.

AUTHOR'S COMMENT As a project controls consultant I have used a number of planning and scheduling software packages for the management of a range of project types and sizes. The first books I published were user guides/training manuals for Primavera SureTrak, P3 and Microsoft Project users. These were well received by professional project managers and schedulers but I felt there was a need for a short snappy Microsoft Project guide. One that could be read on the bus, train or plane and would assist experienced project team members who was a casual users but don't have time to flick backwards and forwards through thick manuals to find out what's going on.





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BOOK REVIEWS

Review 1

If you have been involved in Project Controls and use Oracle's Primavera P6 project management software you will know who Paul Harris is. Paul has been publishing pragmatic project management software manuals for as long as I can remember. All too often when buying a manual for using software it becomes apparent that the author only has theoretical knowledge. This is not the case with Paul's books. Paul has a deep experience gained over 40 years and has the ability to distil this knowledge into an easy to read and understand guide for using this sometimes tricky software. Building on Paul's previous Oracle Primavera P6 manuals he has now published a condensed version that also has included some additional useful tips. Paul's new book "99 Tricks and Traps for Oracle Primavera P6 PPM Professional" is a useful addition to any experienced planner's project controls library and also a handy reference guide for a new user in order to avoid some of the more dangerous pitfalls that can be hidden within P6.

Michael Jack, Independent Project Controls Expert, Nietzsche Pty Ltd

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Project scheduling in software is a complex undertaking and the seemingly "user friendly" environment presented by Oracle Primavera P6 can sometimes lull a user into a false sense of security. In this "99 Tricks and Traps" book Paul has cast a spotlight on the potential pitfalls in the software that can trap the unwary. He explains the P6 environment and terminology with great clarity and makes vital recommendations about the optimum settings for the program. The book is well presented, with plenty of diagrams and screenshots, and should be considered an essential component of any professional P6 scheduler's library.

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