



Oracle Primavera P6 Version 20 Setting the Default Project Changes

1 Introduction

It is essential that users understand the **Default Project** functionality when a user opens two or more projects in Oracle Primavera P6 together. It is especially important that users understand the implications when the projects have different **Scheduling Options**.

Oracle Primavera P6 Version 20 has changed way the **Default Project** is set and it may now be set in the **Scheduling Options** form. Thus, it is also very important that users understand what the implications of the both the **Default Project** function and the changes in the way it is set in Version 20.



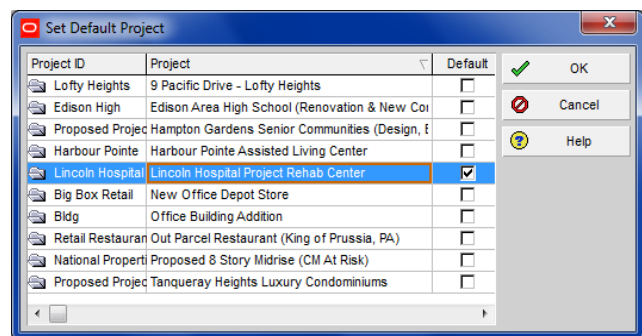
2 Understanding the Default Project`

When multiple projects are opened together the **Scheduling Options** from the **Default Project** are used to:

- Schedule and level all open projects.
 - New data items, such as **Issues**, are assigned to the default project when they are added to the database.
 - When the projects have different **Schedule Options** then all the **Scheduling Options** from the **Default Project** are assigned to all the other open projects on a permanent basis>
- NOTE:** These projects will not calculate the same way again.

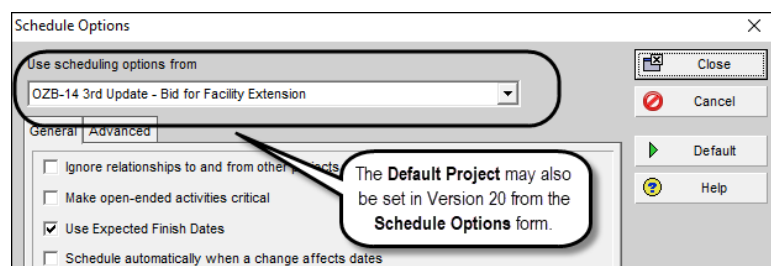
3 Setting the Default Project in Version 19 and Earlier

To set the **Default Project** in Version 19 and earlier you select **Project, Set Default Project...** to open the **Set Default Project** form.



4 Setting the Default Project in Version 20 and Later

In Version 20 the **Default Project** selected in the **Set Default Project** form is overridden by selecting a different project in the **Scheduling Options** form, **Use scheduling options from** drop down box.





This will not change the selected **Default Project** s in the **Set Default Project** form but will override it. Also, this option operates in the same way as the **Default Project** selected in the **Set Default Project** and will change all the other projects **Scheduling Options** to the one selected in the **Scheduling Options** form on a permanent basis.

The **Default Project** is overridden in Version 20 from the **Schedule Options** form and the **Level Resources** form, thus the **Default Project** selected in the **Set Default Project** is effectively now redundant and any change to it will not be linked or override the **Scheduling Options** form, **Use scheduling options from** drop down box..

5 Conclusion

It is disappointing that in my version of P6 Version 20 that Oracle had neither:

- Linked the **Default Project** selected in the **Set Default Project** form from the **Scheduling Options** form, **Use scheduling options from** drop down box option, so when one changes the other does, nor
- Removed the **Default Project** function from the software.

This issue may be fixed in later versions.

6 Recommendations

When you are using Version 20 and later you must ensure that you use **Scheduling Options** form, **Use scheduling options from** drop down box to set the **Default Project**.

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