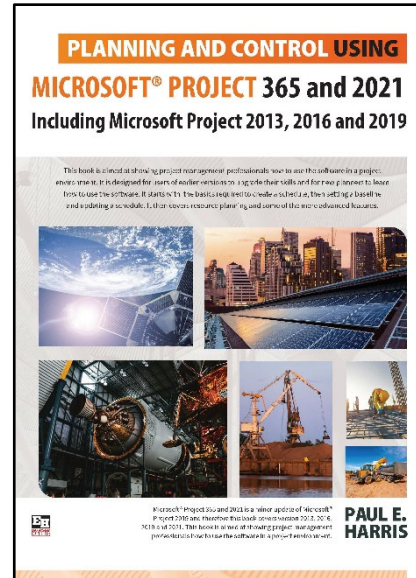


# IDENTIFYING DRIVING PREDECESSORS IN MICROSOFT PROJECT

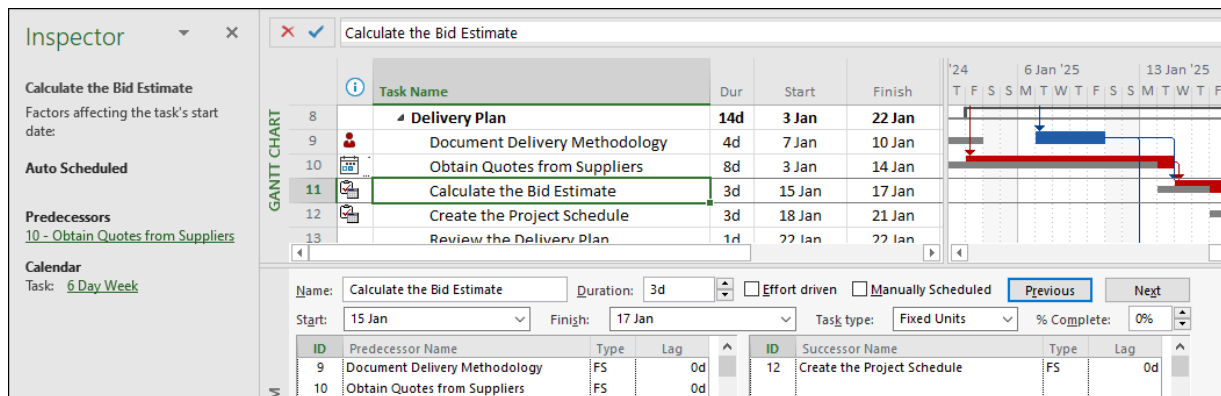
A task may not be on the Critical Path and may have more than one predecessor. A **Driving Relationship** is the predecessor that determines the Early Start of a task.

- Oracle Primavera P6 and Elecosoft (Asta) Powerproject always display the driving predecessors and successors in the P6 Predecessor and Successors form and the Powerproject Links form.
- Microsoft Project 2007 introduced a **Task Drivers** form that indicates which is the driving predecessor and whether the schedule has been Resource Leveled. It also displays the effects of leveling.

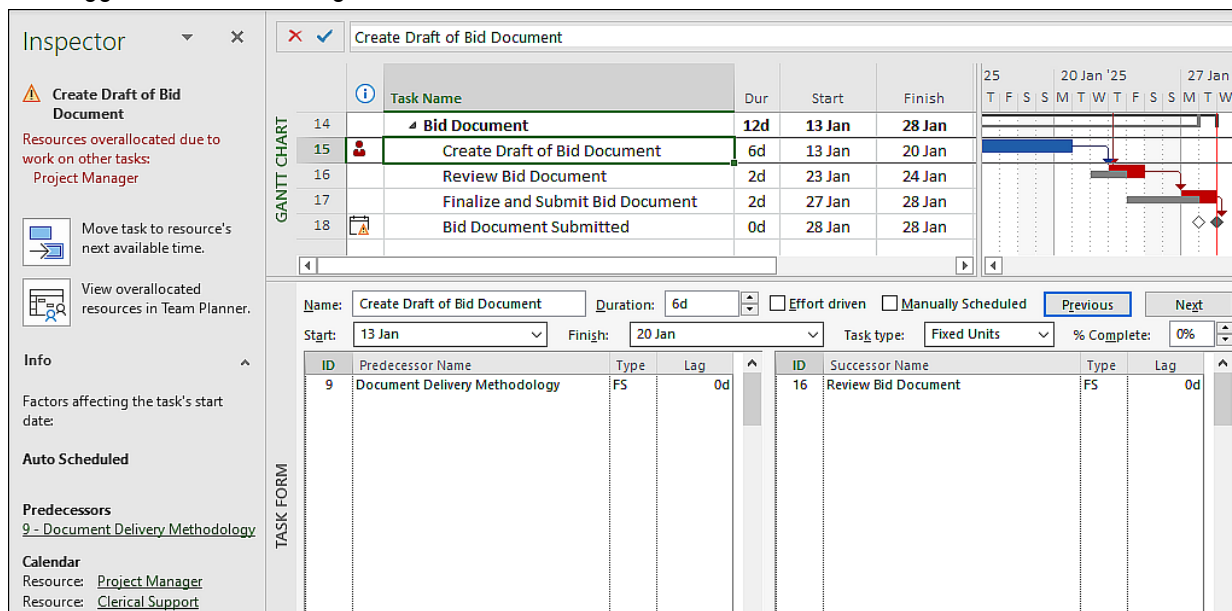


In Microsoft Project 2013 the **Task Drivers** form has been renamed **Inspect Task** and additional functionality has been added. Select **Task**, **Tasks** group, **Inspect**, **Inspect Tasks** icon open the **Task Inspector** pane:

- The picture below shows Task 10 is the driving predecessor of Task 11.



- The picture below shows that Task 15 has issues with resource overloading and makes some suggestions for resolving the issues:





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