

Re: beginner: difficulties with timeline

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Thanks for the help on this, Mike. It gives me a good understanding on where I went wrong (or actually I didn't go too wrong, Project just handled things differently to what I expected).

But if I may add another question that still causes me headache on the same project:

Again there are some tasks that include multiple resources at the same time (e.g. a meeting between two people). One of the resources does not have a Std. Rate. assigned to it, because it is an external party that is not being paid for any of its work. The other resource has got a Std Rate of \$65.00/h. The meeting goes for an hour (Mike: this would be for example Task 11).

If I now change the View to "Cost" and check the "Total Cost" for one of these tasks, it says "\$0.00". However, in my understanding Project should tell me the meeting cost \$65.00, seeing that there is one resource with \$65.00 and the other with \$0.00 Std. Rate.

This seems strange to me in particular because it is happening on some tasks of that kind and it doesn't on others. I have got several meetings of multiple resources throughout my project and some of them have got a Total Cost, others don't. I can't see the pattern.

Any idea why this is happening?

Thanks heaps for your help, guys! I am learning a lot here.

"Mike Glen" <glenATmvps.org> wrote in message
news:usJNjSf\$DHA.3712@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

> *For the record, Freda had, for example, 3 resources on a task, one of whom*
> *had restricted working hours in a personal calendar. Thus the Duration*
> *expanded to allow for all 3 resources to finish the allotted Work. So the*
> *schedule, when levelled, pushed out the dates, made the Duration longer.*

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> *Mike Glen*

> *MS Project MVP*

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> *Mike Glen wrote:*

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> > *Sure, Fredo, email me changing the AT to @ and I'll have a look*
> > *tomorrow.*
> >
> > *Mike Glen*
> > *MS Project MVP*
> >
> > *Fredo Vincentis wrote:*
> >> *I have got absolutely no time constraints on the project, except for*
> >> *the beginning of the first task, which is set to a certain date.*
> >>
> >> *Could I email the file to one of you to have a quick look over it?*
> >> *Just to see that I entered everything I needed before levelling?*
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> >> *"Jan De Messemaeker" <jandemes at prom hyphen ade dot be> wrote in*
> >> *message news:e#vHGKu#DHA.2180@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...*
> >>> *Hi,*
> >>>
> >>> *I'm nearly sure that you assigned a task to a resource with limited*
> >>> *availability in time*
> >>> *Then when Leveling pushes a task for that resource to a time after*
> >>> *its latest availability, it keeps on pushing till the end of its*
> >>> *calendar (31/12/2049)*
> >>>
> >>> *Could you verify that?*
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> >>> --
> >>> *Jan De Messemaeker*
> >>> *Microsoft Project Most Valuable Professional*
> >>> *Project Management Consultancy*
> >>> *Prom+ade BVBA*
> >>> *32-495-300 620*
> >>> *"Fredo Vincentis" <yahoda21@hotmailNoSpam.com> schreef in bericht*
> >>> *news:c1e09p\$1190\$1@otis.netSPACE.net.au...*
> >>>> *Hi guys, thanks for the welcome.*
> >>>>
> >>>> *I have read your article and others as well on levelling, but I*
> >>>> *still don't get it working. What I really want project to do is NOT*
> >>>> *to split any tasks (so I turned that setting off), and NOT to*
> >>>> *adjust individual assignments. If there is overallocation, I want*
> >>>> *the tasks to be pushed out longer until there is no more*
> >>>> *overallocation.*
> >>>>
> >>>> *If I uncheck all tick boxes and leave the other default settings,*
> >>>> *Project suddenly changes the duration of some of my tasks to 0hrs!?*
> >>>> *That's one way of getting rid of the overallocation, but not really*
> >>>> *implementable. I want the duration of the tasks to remain the same.*
> >>>>
> >>>> *Also it changes the duration of my project from 26 days to 11962*
> >>>> *days. I expected more like 40 days, not 32 years, to work on this*
> >>>> *project.*
> >>>>

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> >>>> *Any idea where I might be going wrong?*
> >>>>
> >>>> *Thanks heaps!*
> >>>>
> >>>> *"Mike Glen" <glenATmvps.org> wrote in message*
> >>>> *news:evy5HLh#DHA.2660@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...*
> >>>>> *Hi,*
> >>>>>
> >>>>> *Welcome to this Microsoft Project newsgroup :)*
> >>>>>
> >>>>> *You might like to have a look at my series of Microsoft Project*
> >>>>> *lessons in the TechTrax ezine, particularly Lesson 5–Working With*
> >>>>> *Resources, at this site:*
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<http://pubs.logicaexpressions.com/Pub0009/LPMFrame.asp?CMD=ArticleSearch&AU>
> >>>> *TH=23*
> >>>>>
> >>>>> *FAQs, companion products and other useful Project information can*
> >>>>> *be seen at this web address: <<http://www.mvps.org/project/>>*
> >>>>>
> >>>>> *Hope this helps – please let us know how you get on :)*
> >>>>>
> >>>>> *Mike Glen*
> >>>>> *MS Project MVP*
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> >>>>> *Fredo Vincentis wrote:*
> >>>>>> *I have entered all my tasks into Project 2000, entered my*
> >>>>>> *resources and allocated them to the tasks. I also set a few*
> >>>>>> *predecessors for those tasks that rely on others to be completed*
> >>>>>> *first. What I expected was that Project would start a new task*
> >>>>>> *"as soon as possible" without overallocating resources. But*
> >>>>>> *instead of doing that, all my resources are hopelessly*
> >>>>>> *overallocated. I didn't change the start–times or end–times, all*
> >>>>>> *I changed was the duration of each task.*
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> *Any idea where I'm going wrong?*
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> *Thanks for your help.*
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