

Re: Project 2003 Projects – Trying to report on Progress, not working

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Mike S --

Although I sympathize with your management, I don't believe that either Microsoft Project or Project Server will display a progress line the way they wish. If you use the Actual work done per day or per week method of tracking in Project Server, then the progress line for each task will show whether actuals were submitted during the previous reporting period. If multiple resources are assigned to a task, then the progress line will show the average progress between all of the assigned resources on the task. It will not show a progress line as your managers wish, however..

Therefore, I think you have at least a couple of choices:

1. Help your managers to understand how Microsoft Project and Project Server display the progress line
2. Use the technique that John described in his post to your original problem

Hope this helps.

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> Just a little more details to explain the issue:

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> If using the Project Center page, in PWA, it lists projects with a
> timeline partially filled, indicating progress (using summary view as an
> example). We are tracking all time on a daily basis with actuals on the
> projects.

> So, in this view, project #1 is shown to be complete up to April 20th.

> Although if you drill down into the project, you will see 1 or more tasks

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> that are prior to April 20th that are not complete. I believe the
> progress bar is a weighted representation of the project, vs. actual
> completion of all tasks.
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> Simply, management wants to look at a graph of a calendar and say that
> projects 1,2 and x are behind schedule – in their mind that means that
> there are tasks that we estimated to be completed by today and they are
> not, so the completion bar on the graph would be only as far as the
> completed actual work.
> I hope that explains a little more.
> Thanks!
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>> Mike S --
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>> Is you use Project Server, the Project Center page in Project Web Access
>> will show your executives the information they wish to see. To address
>> your concern about the progress line, you would need to use the "Hours of
>> work done per day or per week" method of tracking with actuals entered on
>> a daily basis. Hope this helps.
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>>>I have a very graphical orientated set of executives that want to see
>>>status of our projects.
>>> I have a roll-up project (totallying about 45 projects), each on its'
>>> own line within the file.
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>>> The ideal gantt chart would show each project on its own line and how
>>> far along they are. This is the tricky part. The progress bar should
>>> show on a calendar only up to the oldest task that has not been
>>> completed, nothing to do with the percentages of completion or duration
>>> or work.
>>> Is there such a way to do this in project or even within project web
>>> server 2003?
>>> I am looking for something that won't require programming.
>>> Thanks.
>>> Mike
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