

## Re: Problems entering data in resource usage table

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Resource usage displays the resource's scheduled work on tasks in hours per time unit. The percentage allocated displays the resource's scheduled work on tasks as a percentage of his full work schedule for the same period. They're really two different ways of viewing the same piece of core information. You're saying you want to change it in one view but NOT have exactly the same information in another view change. Can't be done, how can it be otherwise? Joe works 40 hours a week. I use the resource usage view to assign him to work on something 1 hour on Monday and 4 hours on Wednesday. He has now only got 35 hours in the week left to do other things - I've used up 1/8 or 12% of his work week already and the allocation percentage reflects that fact.

You really should thinking about how you're using Project - it is designed to schedule the tasks arranged in a Project - it is a task scheduling tool, NOT a personnel scheduling tool except incidentally to the schedule of the tasks they're working on nor is it intended to schedule ongoing line of business work as it sounds like you're trying to do. You said it yourself - you're trying to schedule the \*work in a whole department, NOT the work in just 1 project\* and yet the latter is what MSP is explicitly designed to do, not the former. It's rather like buying a motorcycle and then getting perplexed that it doesn't make good toast <grin>. You can certainly adapt many tools to purposes for which they weren't designed but it usually is a painful process with lots of bruised knuckles. In this case, the pain is going to be to bite the bullet and do those inputs on a daily basis.

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> I use the Resource usage table to input data - as I need  
> to schedule repeat slots of work (1 day/week or month) for  
> a whole department, not just 1 project.  
> How do I stop it altering the Resource allocation - I want  
> to be able to input against a week - and not have the  
> resource jumping to 22% or whatever Project decides to do.  
> I can get round this by inputting on a daily basis or by  
> re-visiting those which go screwy on a daily basis - but

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- > it's a real pain.
- > Any help appreciated!