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New Features in Primavera P6 Professional 15.1

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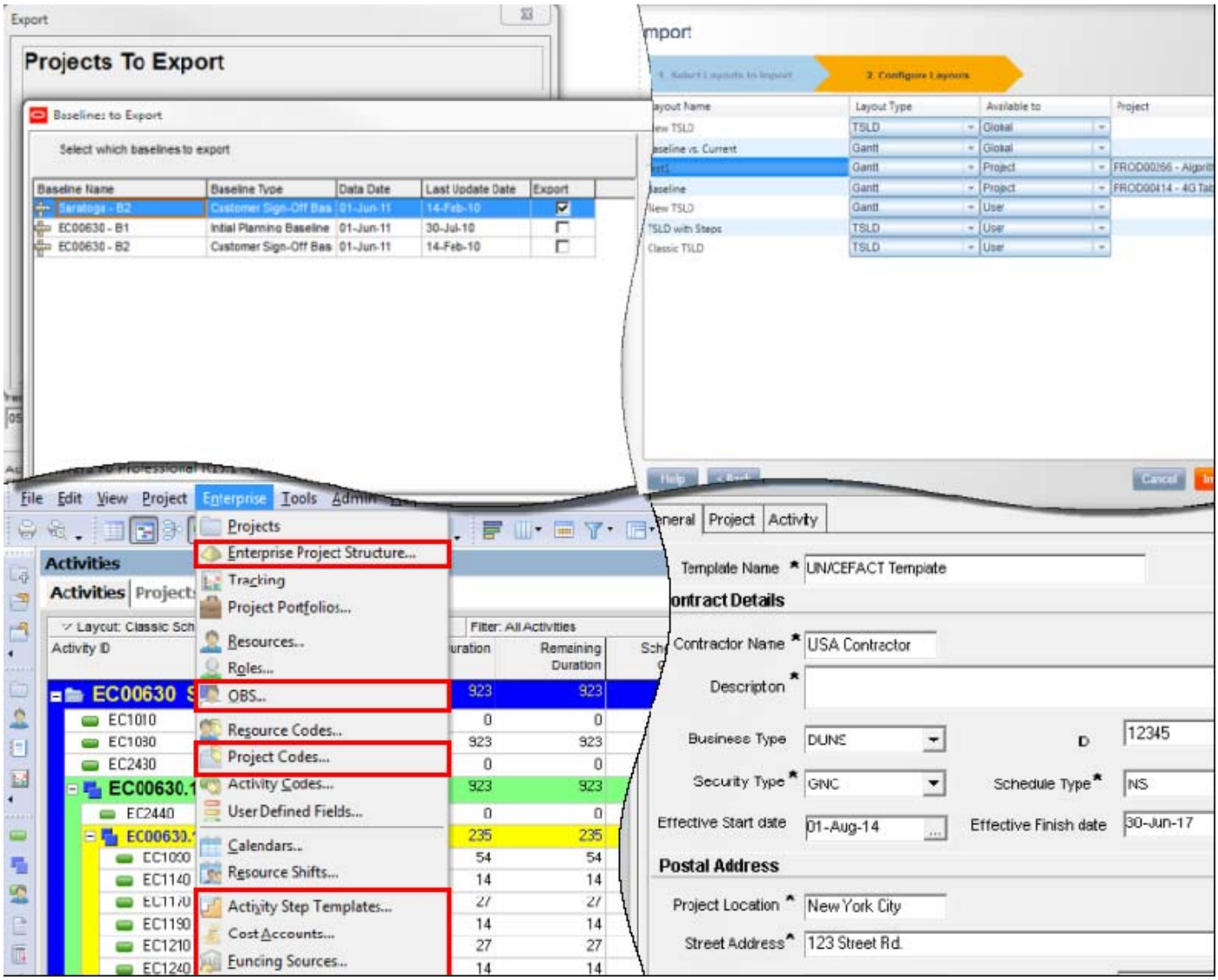
New Features in Primavera P6 Professional 15.1

New features in Primavera P6 Professional 15.1 include:

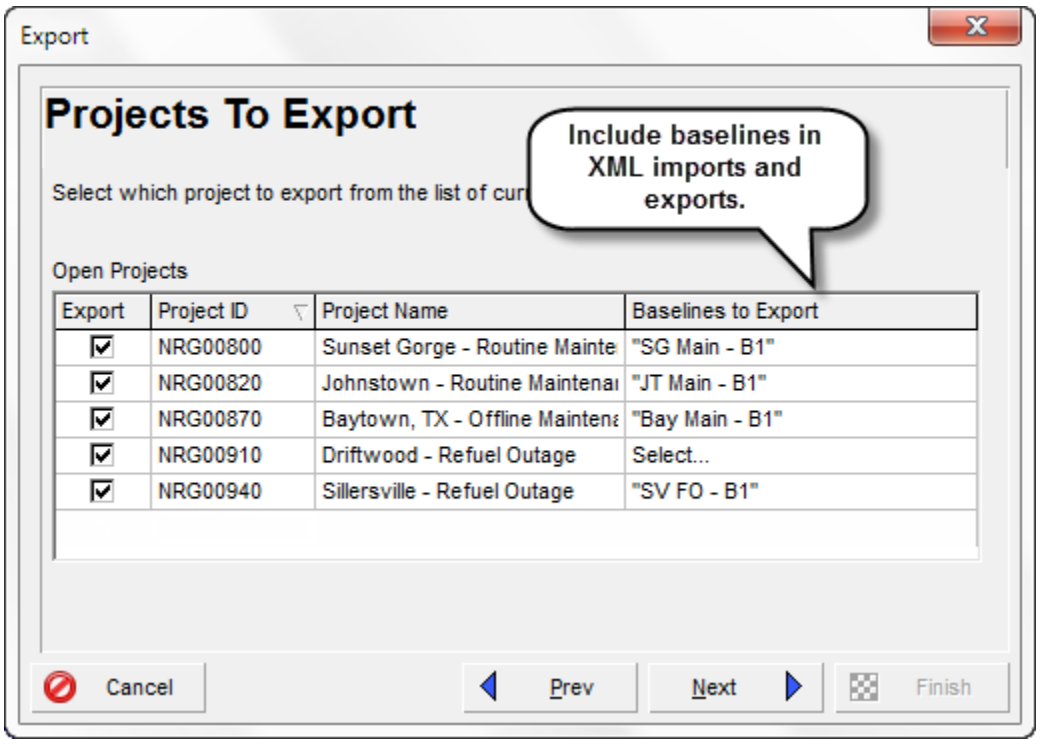
- Usability enhancements.
- Import and export Visualizer layouts.
- 64-bit version of Visualizer.



Usability

New usability features in P6 Professional 15.1 include:

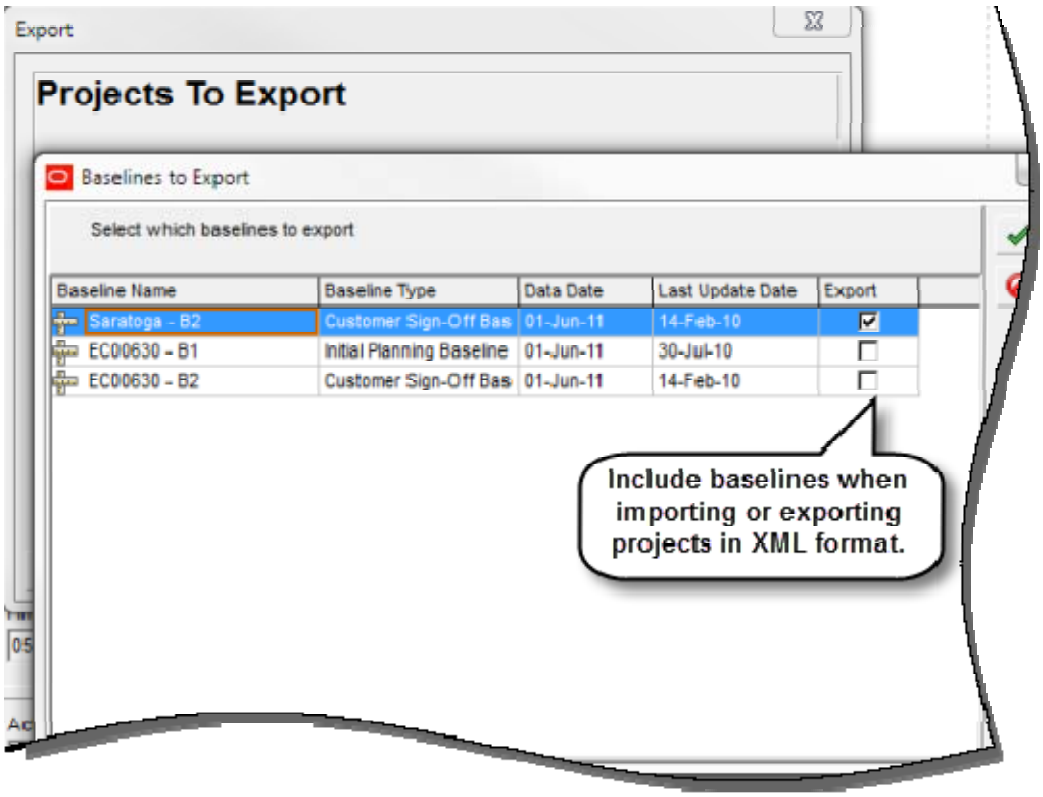
- Import and export baselines of projects in XML format.
- Enterprise features when connecting to an EPPM database.
- Enhanced Unifier integration.
- Separate module access for P6 Professional and Visualizer.



Import and Export Baselines of Projects in XML Format

The ability to include baselines when importing and exporting projects in Primavera XML format has been added to P6 Professional 15.1. Previously, you needed to restore a baseline to a project in order to import or export it. In P6 Professional 15.1, baseline information is included in the XML file.

A new field, Exists, is included in the Baselines to Import dialog box, notifying you if an imported baseline already exists in the project being updated.



To access this feature:
On the File menu, click Import or Export.

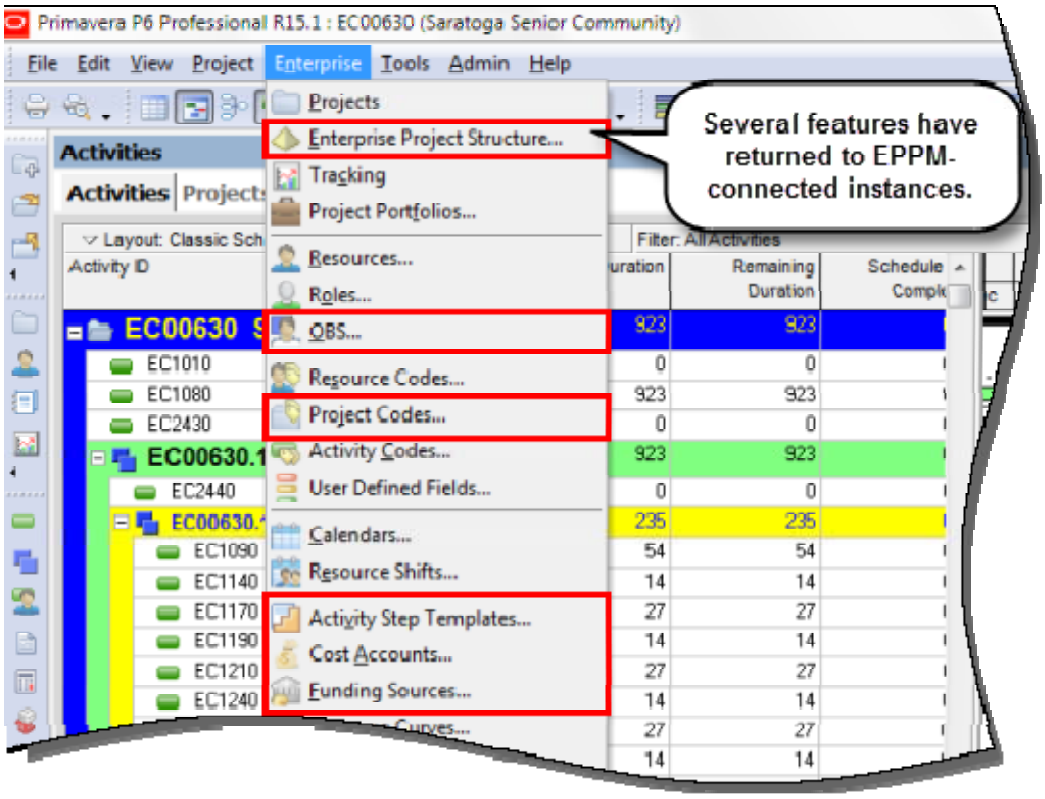
Enterprise Features When Connected to an EPPM Database

Several features have been re-enabled in P6 Professional 15.1 when connected to an EPPM database. In previously versions of P6 Professional, these features were disabled with the expectation that they would be administered in the P6 application.

The following features have been re-enabled in P6 Professional when connected to an EPPM database:

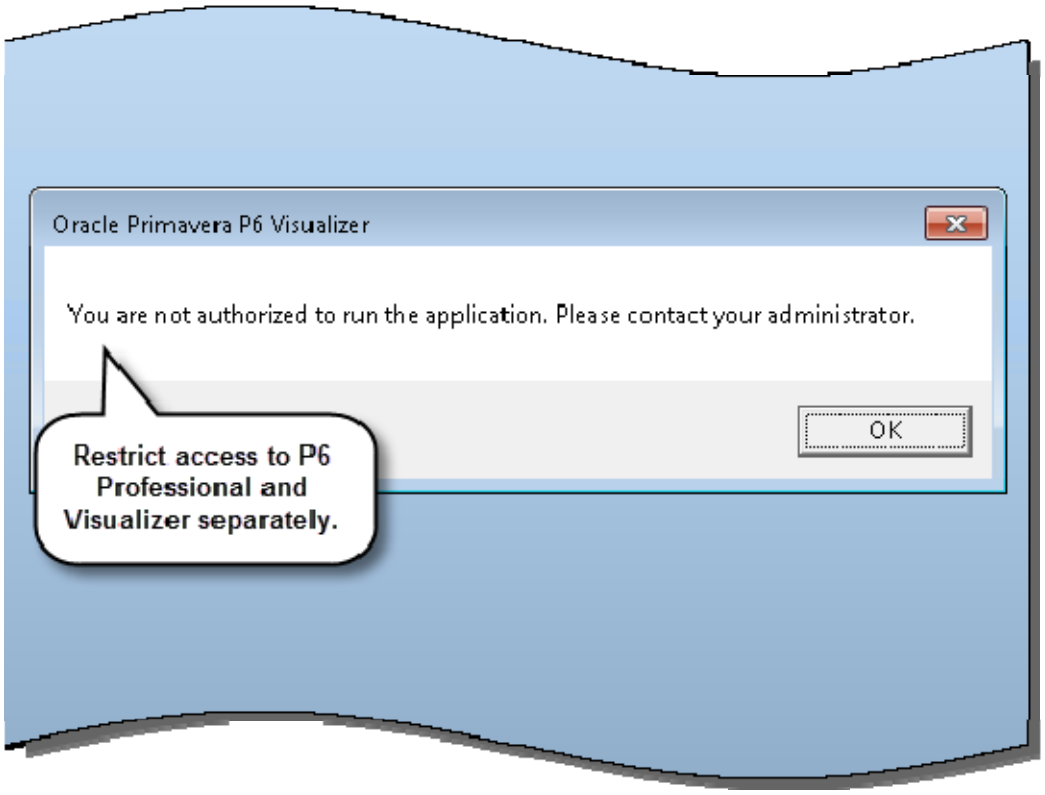
- EPS
- OBS
- Project codes
- Activity step templates
- Cost accounts
- Funding sources

These features continue to be available for P6 Professional instances that are connected to Professional databases or installed in Standalone mode.



Separate Module Access for P6 Professional and Visualizer

A new module, Visualizer, has been added to the Module Access section of the User Access page in P6 15.1. In previous versions, access to Visualizer was included with the P6 Professional module access. This new feature enables project managers to allow separate access to both applications. This is useful if, for example, a user tasked with creating Gantt chart or Timescaled Logic Diagram reports in Visualizer might not require access to P6 Professional. Conversely, some users may be given P6 Professional access but not the privilege to work in Visualizer.

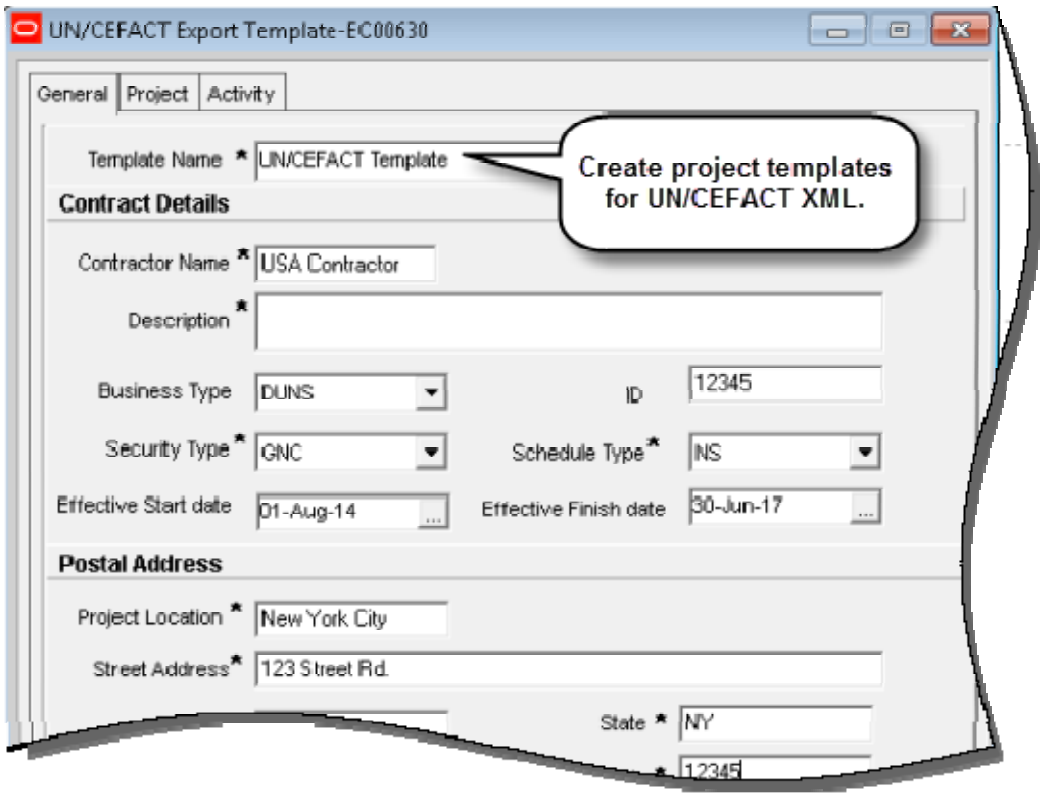


To access this feature:
Open P6 Professional or Visualizer. Access will vary depending on the Module privileges granted in P6 Web.

UN/CEFACT Improvements

P6 Professional 15.1 provides additional support for UN/CEFACT XML Format 6, which defines and contains integrated master schedule (IMS) data. The existing UN/CEFACT XML export has been enhanced to support all the fields in the D09B version of the XML schema. Project template support has also been added, which will allow users to choose the field mappings between a P6 field and a UN/CEFACT field.

When creating or modifying a UN/CEFACT project template, choose contractor details, address information, and project and activity information. You may also include WBS and OBS information in the exported file.



To access this feature:
On the File menu, click Export. In the Export dialog box, select UN/CEFACT Format 6 - (XML).

Unifier Integration

Additional Unifier integration functionality has been in P6 Professional 15.1. You can now send activity data, including user-defined fields, to Unifier Activity Sheets, which are used to populate data fields in Unifier shells and business processes. Fields changed as a result of these processes -- such as Actual dates or % Complete -- are updated in the activity sheets and can then be sent back to P6 Professional.

This feature has many useful applications -- document management, for example. Set up a submittal approval business process in Unifier and populate fields with P6 activity data. Track progress using actual dates and % complete fields, then send this information back to P6 to update the status of your activities.

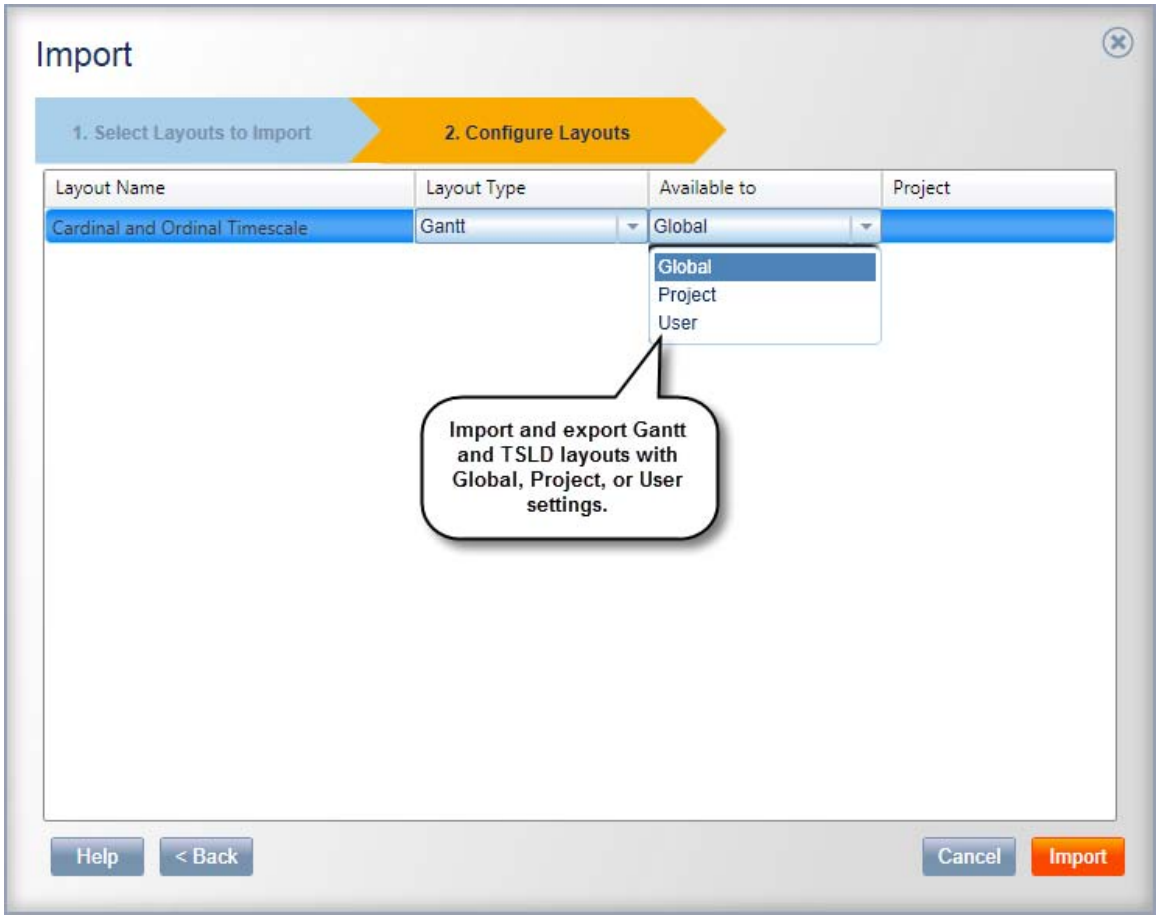
In P6 Professional, select an instance of a connected Unifier Deployment, specify the appropriate integration actions, and send activity data to Unifier. After leveraging the activity data in Unifier business processes, pull the updated information back into P6 Professional. You cannot send or receive baselines when exchanging activity data.

Note: You must initiate activity sheet integration from Unifier on the first integration, and can exchange information from P6 Professional or Unifier on any subsequent integrations.

To access this feature:
On the Actions menu on the Activities page, click Exchange Data, Send to Primavera Unifier or Update from Primavera Unifier.

Visualizer

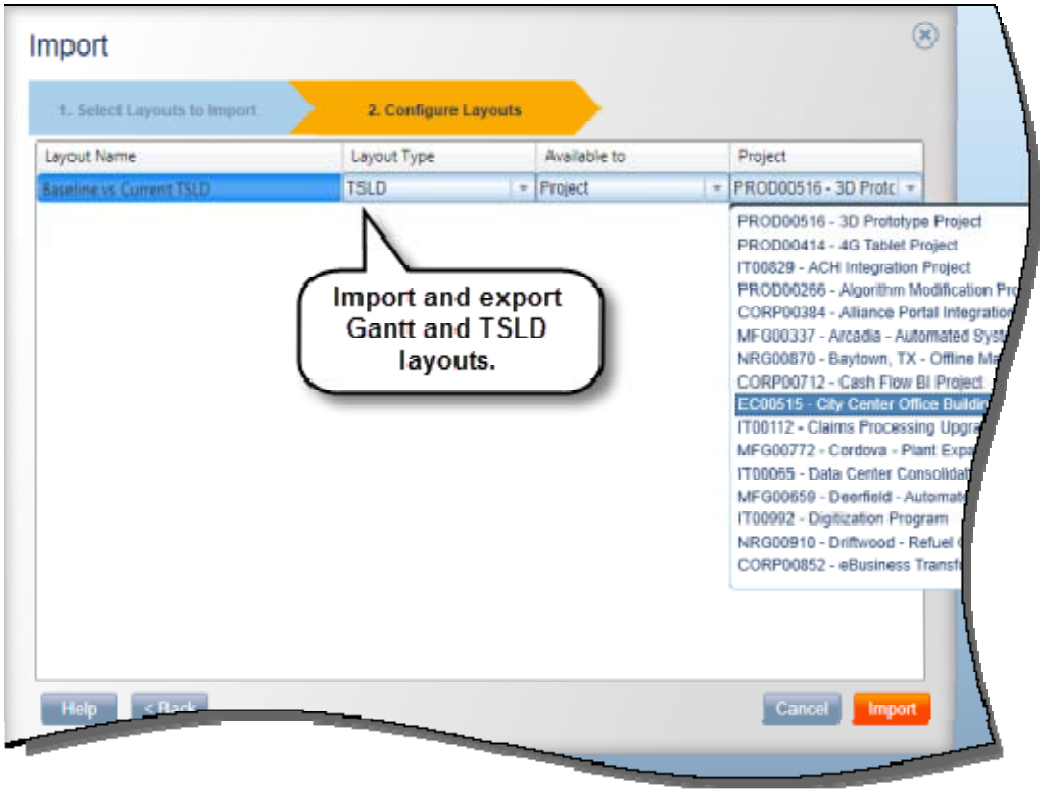
Visualizer enhancements for release 15.1 include the ability to import and export Visualizer layouts and the introduction of a 64-bit installation. The 64-bit version of Visualizer can handle a greater number of projects as well as larger individual projects.



Import and Export Visualizer Layouts

P6 Visualizer 15.1 has added the ability to import and export Visualizer. This feature is useful if you need to share one or more layouts with other Visualizer users. Visualizer layouts are exported/imported using the Visualizer layout file type, .vlf. Visualizer can also import Primavera layout files with the .plf file type.

After exporting a layout, import it into Visualizer as a timescaled logic diagram or Gantt layout, and choose to make it a global, project, or user-specific.



To access this feature:
In Visualizer, click the More list and select Manage to export layouts or Import to import layouts.