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Oasys Scheduler™ 3.1

General Description

Creating an efficient business project schedule can be difficult due to constraints such as limited resources, tight deadlines, and intricate task dependencies. Taking into account such constraints, Oasys Scheduler™ automatically builds a schedule that minimizes time and cost. Oasys Scheduler combines the user-friendliness and simplicity of Microsoft® Project with the optimization and decision-making power of LookAhead Decisions™ technology.

Key Highlights
Seamlessly integrates with Microsoft® Project
Produces an optimal schedule – often significantly shorter than Microsoft Project’s built-in leveling
Removes all resource conflicts
Levels resources based on resource, task and schedule calendars
Graphically indicates leveling delay changes directly on the Gantt Chart view
Graphically indicates resource conflicts directly on the Gantt Chart view
Produces a detailed post-leveling report
Provides multi-file undo/redo history
Allows the user to specify termination conditions in terms of time or changes in duration
Considers all task links types: Finish-to-Start, Start-to-Start, Finish-to-Finish, and Start-to-Finish
Considers all task constraints: ASAP, ALAP, SNET, SNLT, FNET, FNLTL, MSO, MFO
Supports lag and lead time
Displays intuitive tool bars and menus
Provides online help

Why Choose Oasys Scheduler?

While Microsoft Project’s built-in resource leveling can be helpful for simple situations, it often produces inefficient schedules for complex situations. For example, Microsoft Project will usually produce a valid but far-from-optimal schedule when leveling numerous overallocated resources. In addition, Microsoft Project’s built-in resource leveling can create a burden for the user. To get acceptable results, the user must often specify more task dependencies and constraints than necessary.

In short, Microsoft Project’s built-in leveling is inadequate for most practical cases. Oasys Scheduler is the first product to make planning easier and more rewarding for Microsoft Project users by optimizing amid heavy resource conflicts and numerous tasks.



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Reduce Costs

Oasys Scheduler reduces costs by rescheduling tasks, without altering task links or constraints, to produce the shortest possible duration. Typical improvements in schedule duration range from 20 to 50 percent over Microsoft Project's built-in resource leveling. The more complex the schedule, the greater the improvement one can expect.

Save Time

Microsoft Project displays overallocated resources in the Resource Sheet view, but ascertaining which tasks have conflicts is difficult, frustrating, and time consuming. Oasys Scheduler saves you from these problems by graphically indicating which tasks are contributing to a resource's overallocation directly on the Gantt Chart view. No more trial and error adjusting individual tasks when trying to determine where a resource is overallocated.

Make Informed Decisions

Each time a schedule is optimized, Oasys Scheduler presents a detailed report showing the number of resolved resource conflicts, the number of increased and decreased leveling delays, and the change in project duration. In addition, the leveling delay changes are graphically indicated on the Gantt Chart view, making it easy to quickly get an idea of how the schedule was changed.

Feature and Price Comparison

Feature	Oasys Scheduler™*	Microsoft® Project's Built-in Leveling	Primavera® Products
Reduces cost by creating optimal schedules	✓		
Resolves all resource conflicts	✓	✓	✓
Displays leveling delay changes directly on the Gantt Chart view	✓		
Displays resource conflicts directly on the Gantt Chart view	✓		
Detailed project reporting	✓		
User specified time limits and termination conditions	✓		
Price	\$99**	\$599 to \$999	\$499 to \$4,000

*Requires Microsoft Project

**Free 15 day evaluation; multi-license (10 or more) discount: 25% off.



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System Requirements

Software	Hardware
Windows® 2000 or Windows® XP	5 MB hard disk space
Microsoft® Project 2000, 2002, or 2003	128 MB RAM, Pentium® 233

Purchasing Information

To purchase a licensed version or download an evaluation of Oasys Scheduler, please visit our web site at <http://www.lookaheaddecisions.com>. For additional questions or comments, please email us at info@lookaheaddecisions.com.

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