P6 Pro SQLite Stand-Alone

In September 2014, Oracle/Primavera changed the data-handling system for stand-alone installations only. When you install P6 Professional Version 8.4 or later for stand-alone use, you will no longer also install Oracle or MS SQL. Instead you will be using a built-in database manager called SQLite.

This is sort of a third version of P6. First there was the client/server P6 (now called P6 Professional,) then there was the web browser-based P6 (called EPPM.) Now, with P6 Version 8.4 there is a P6 Pro Stand-Alone.

This third type of P6 actually has a built-in database manager, just like P3. Instead of Oracle or MS SQL, P6 Pro Stand-Alone uses SQLite. If you have P6 Pro Version 8.4 or later, you will no longer be able to install and use Oracle Express or MS SQL Lite, only the built-in SQLite database manager.

This simplification comes at a price – you will lose many of the features that were dependent on a modern database system like Oracle or MS SQL. Features previously available that will not be available with P6 Pro Stand-Alone using SQLite include,

- No built-in Claim Digger to report on changes,
- No Maintain Baselines utility where you could merge items from later schedules into your older Baseline schedules,
- No Risk Analysis (Pert Master) link,
- No new Advanced XML import options to limit what gets updated,
- You cannot run user-developed reports and graphics using the API interface,
- P6 Job Services are not supported (background backups and summarizations,)
- It does not work with Schedule Analyzer Software.

You are not required to load this type of a system, even if you are using P6 Version 8.4 or later on a stand-alone basis. If you are using a server or already have a different stand-alone version of P6 installed, all you need do is to upgrade the system instead of taking the Stand-Alone option.

If you are installing P6 for the first time, you need to install either Oracle Express or (better) MS SQL Express. If you like, the people at Schedule Analyzer can forward to you a PDF presentation on how to download and install the free MS SQL Express. In addition, Primavera Service Providers also can remotely install and configure this for you for well under $200.