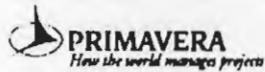


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## Fundamentals of Project Management



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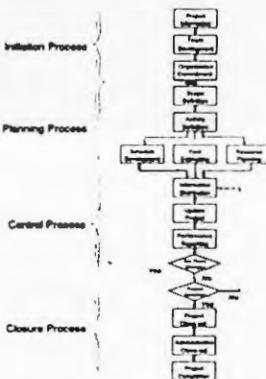
### Purpose and Objectives

This lesson introduces you to the basic concepts of project management Using Computer Software by Primavera Project Planer (P3) windows.

## The Project Management Cycle

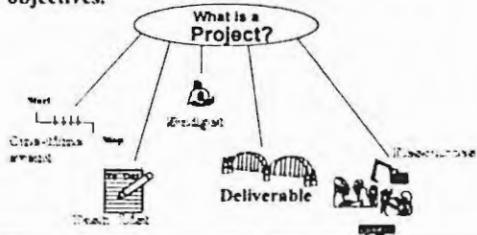


## The Project Management Process Flow Diagram



## What is a Project?

A project is a group of tasks performed in a definable timeperiod, to meet a specific set of objectives.



- Unique, one-time event
- Specific start and end date
- Workscope with definable tasks
- Allocated resources
- Projected budget or cost
- Tangible set of deliverables

## Primary Elements of a Project

- ◆ Schedule, resource, and cost data are the primary elements of project management
- ◆ Elements are interrelated—a change in one affects the others



## Project Management Phases: Planning and Control

### Planning

- ◆ Establish project objectives and scope of work
- ◆ Delineate project organization/team
- ◆ Define the work
- ◆ Determine the timing
- ◆ Establish resource requirements/availability
- ◆ Establish a cost budget
- ◆ Evaluate, optimize and freeze baseline plan
- ◆ Distribute information

## Control

- ◆ Track work in progress and actual costs
  - Update and modify the current project with realistic data
- ◆ Compare schedule and cost data to baseline
  - use the baseline to guide your decisions
- ◆ Analyze and evaluate performance
- ◆ Recommend action and re-forecast
- ◆ Communicate project goals

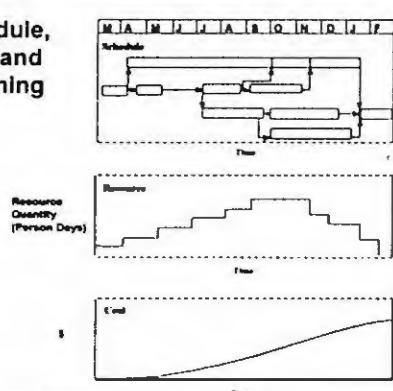
## Planning Phase

- ◆ In the planning phase, you forecast a schedule, resources and costs over time

### Critical path

- ◆ The critical path is the longest continuous path of activities through a project that determines the project end date
- ◆ A delay in one activity delays other activities and the project as a whole

## Schedule, Resource and Cost Planning

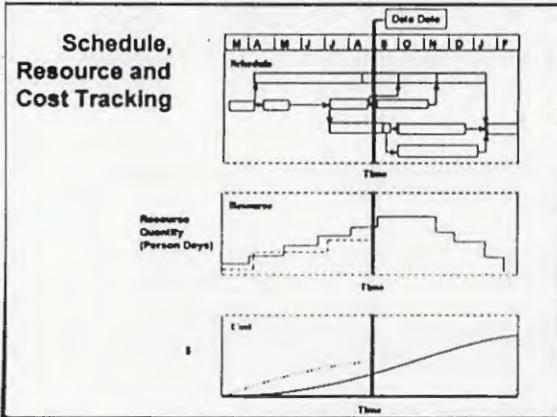


## Control Phase

- ◆ During the control phase, you record progress on activities, resource use, and costs incurred relative to the data date

### Data Date

- ◆ The data date is the “time now” or the date up to which progress is reported and from which remaining work will be scheduled



## Establishing the Project and Coding Structures



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### Project Group/Project

#### Project Group

- ◆ Consists of the detailed activities from defined member projects, as well as its own activities
- ◆ Simplifies the management of multiple projects
- ◆ Summarizes and organizes information at different project levels

#### ◆ Ensure consistency among project structures

- Project Codes
- Activity codes
- Calendars
- Resources
- Cost accounts
- Custom data items
- Work breakdown structure (WBS)

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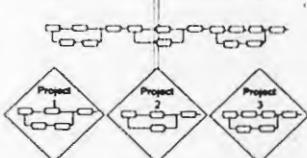
#### Member Project

- ◆ Portion of a project group
- ◆ Managed and controlled independently
- ◆ Reflects changes made to its member projects

## Managing the Project Group

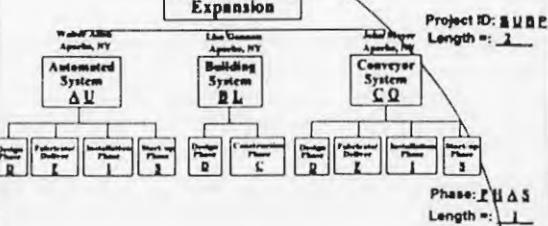
**Project Group**

Custom Data Items  
Project Codes  
Activity Codes Resources  
Calendars Cost Accounts



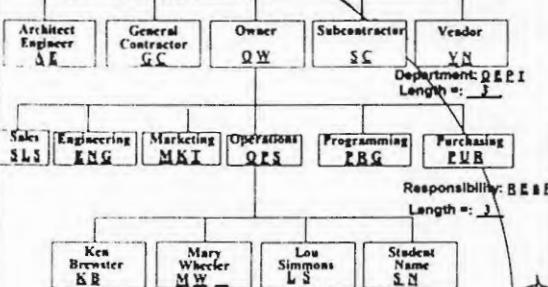
## Project Definition

Apache Facility Expansion



Apache Facility Expansion

Organization: QQQQ  
Length =: 1



## Adding and Organizing Activities

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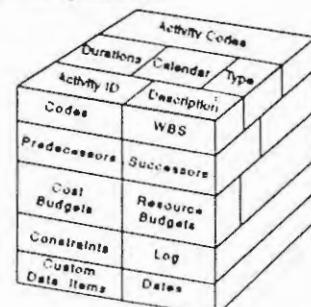
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## What is an Activity?

- ◆ Most detailed work unit that is tracked in a project schedule
- ◆ Contains all detailed information about the work to be performed
- ◆ Also known as a task or item

## Activity Components



## Defining Activity Relationships



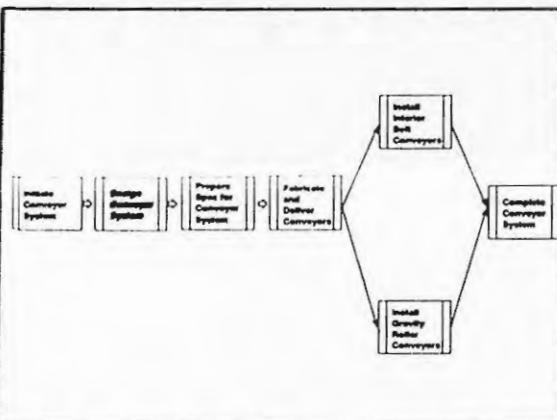
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## **Network Diagram**

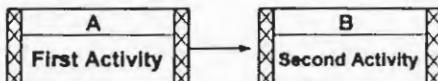
- ◆ Graphically displays the project's activities
- ◆ Presents activities as they relate to each other
  - Logic ties
  - Relationships
  - Predecessors/successors
- ◆ Displays the sequence in which the activities will be scheduled



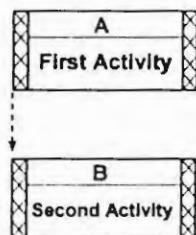
## **Activity Relationships**

P3 supports four types of activity relationships:

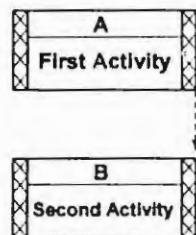
### **Finish-to-Start**



### **Start-to-Start**



### **Finish-to-Finish**



## Calculating the Scheduling



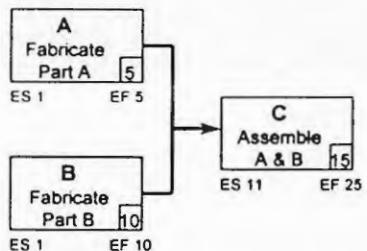
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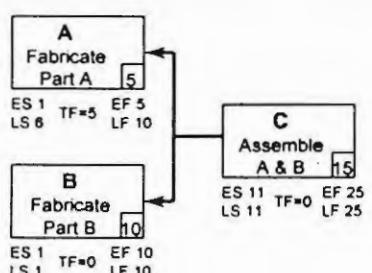
## Forward Pass

- ♦ The forward pass calculates an activity's early dates
- ♦ Early dates are the earliest times an activity can start and finish once its predecessors have been completed
- ♦ The calculation begins with the activities without predecessors
- ♦ Early Start + Duration - 1 = Early Finish



## Backward Pass

- ♦ The backward pass calculates an activity's late dates
- ♦ Late dates are the latest times an activity can start and finish without delaying the end date of the project
- ♦ The calculation begins with the activities without successors
- ♦ Late Finish - Duration + 1 = Late Start

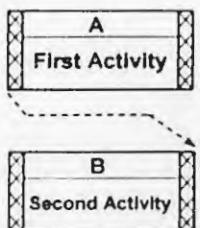


## Float

### Total Float

- ♦ Float is the amount of time an activity can slip from its early start without delaying the project
- ♦ Float is the difference between the late finish and early finish dates of an activity
- ♦ Activities with zero total float are critical

### Start-to-Finish

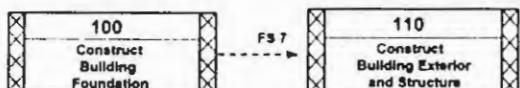


### Relationships with Lag

#### Lag

- ◆ An offset or delay between an activity and its successor
- Calculated in the planning unit of the project
- Based on the calendar of the predecessor activity

### Finish-to-Start with Lag



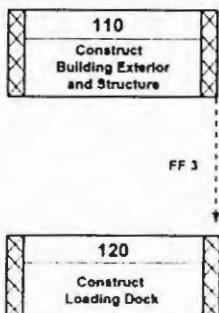
*Construct Building Foundation must be finished for seven days before Construct Building Exterior and Structure can start.*

### Start-to-Start with Lag



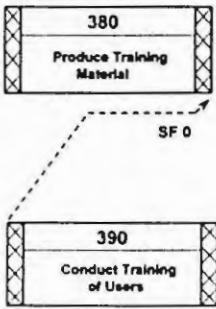
*Install Interior Belt Conveyors can start five days or more after Construct Building Exterior and Structure starts.*

### Finish-to-Finish with Lag

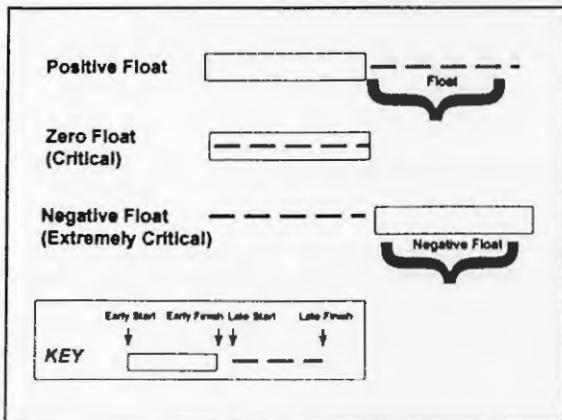


*Construct Loading Dock can finish three days or more after Construct Building Exterior and Structure finishes.*

### Start-to-Finish



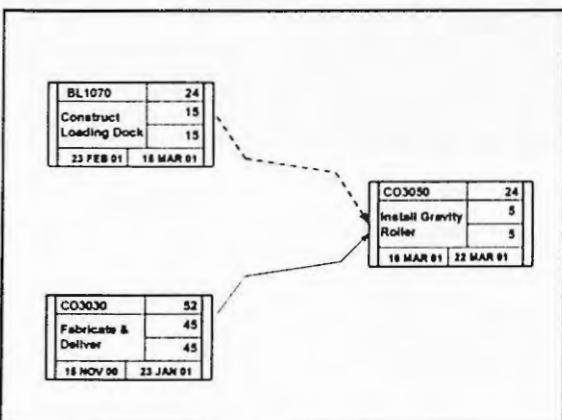
*The start of Conduct Training of Users drives the finish of Produce Training Material.*



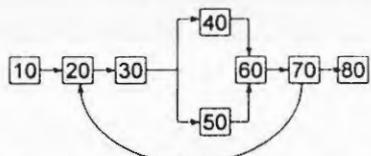
## Driving Relationships

An activity may have a relationship that determines its early start. This logical tie is called a driving relationship.

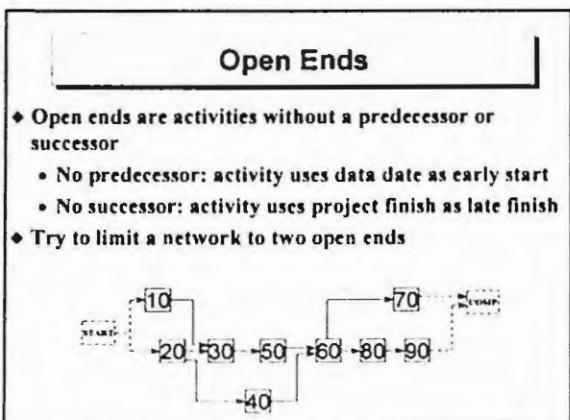
- By default, a solid relationship line indicates a driving relationship
- By default, a dashed relationship line indicates a non-driving relationship



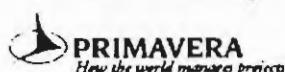
## Loops



- Loops indicate circular logic between two activities
- P3 will not calculate until the loop is eliminated
  - Determine proper logic
  - Rerun schedule



## Applying Constraints to a Schedule



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## Constraints

Constraints are user-imposed restrictions (such as dates) that may be used to reflect project requirements that cannot be built into the logic.

Aid in building a schedule that more accurately reflects the real world aspects of your project.

Provide added control in the schedule.

Types:

- Date
- Duration
- Float

## Example of Constraints

- ◆ The following sample network will be used to illustrate various constraints. Activity 3000 will be constrained in the examples.

| Activity ID | Activity Description                  | Early Start | Early Finish | Early Period | Late Start | Late Finish | Late Period |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1000        | Design Assessment System              | 15-OCT-00   | 20-OCT-00    | 5-DAY        | 20-OCT-00  | 20-OCT-00   | 0-DAY       |
| 2000        | Project Scope for Actuals Preparation | 15-OCT-00   | 16-OCT-00    | 1-DAY        | 21-OCT-00  | 19-OCT-00   | -2-DAY      |
| 3000        | Final Project Plan                    | 15-OCT-00   | 20-OCT-00    | 5-DAY        | 21-OCT-00  | 21-OCT-00   | 0-DAY       |

## Early Start Constraint

### Start no earlier than constraint

- Determines the earliest start date that an activity can begin
- Shifts the early start date out to the constraint date
- Affects only early dates
  - Used during a forward pass
- Affects the constrained activity and the early dates of its successors

## Applications

- ◆ Create different starting points within a project.
- ◆ Offset delivery dates.
- ◆ Prevent too many activities from starting at once.
- ◆ Delay activities until resources become available.

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| 2000        | Project Scope for Actuals Preparation | 15-OCT-00   | 16-OCT-00    | 1-DAY        |            |             |             |
| 3000        | Final Project Plan                    | 15-OCT-00   | 20-OCT-00    | 5-DAY        |            |             |             |

Activity 3000 is pushed out because it has an early start constraint applied to it.  
It will begin on 06-NOV-00 instead of 20-OCT-00. This pushes the end date of the activity from 10-NOV-00  
It also delays the successors of 3000.

## Late Finish Constraint

### Finish no later than constraint

- Indicates the date by which an activity must finish
- Applies if the calculated late finish is later than the constraint
- Puts late finish date back to the constrained date
- Affects late dates
  - Used during backward pass
- Affects the constrained activity and the late dates of its predecessors

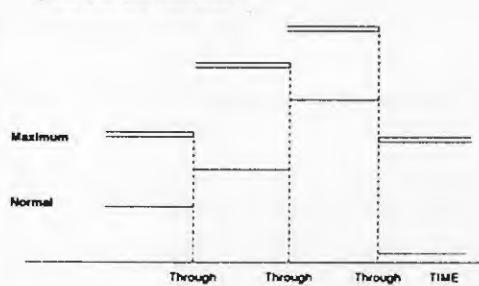
## Applications

- ◆ Set intermediate completion points
- ◆ Emphasize urgency of finishing designated work early
- ◆ Use for contract deliverables
- ◆ Remove excessive float
- ◆ Impose target completion dates on activities
- ◆ Remove excessive float

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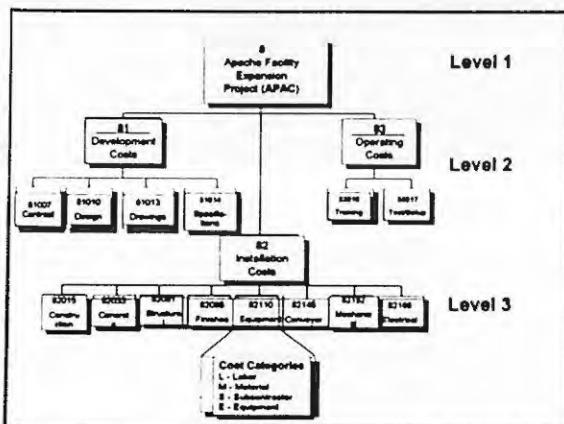
This forces the activity to finish earlier than originally scheduled. 10-NOV-00, which causes activities having late 3 to have negative float.  
This legend displays late float.

## Resource Limits

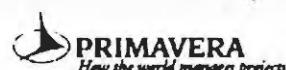


## Cost Accounts

- ◆ Used to track resource and activity costs
- ◆ Basis for cost reporting
- ◆ May be based on internal accounting system
- ◆ Allows for roll-up or summary reporting
- ◆ Provides a breakdown for costs within a project



## Creating the Target Plan



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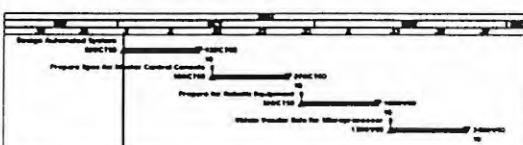
## Shortening the Schedule

- ◆ Copy the project for what-if analysis
- ◆ Focus on critical activities
- ◆ Add resources to reduce durations
- ◆ Use relationships to overlap activities
- ◆ Break down long activities
- ◆ Change calendar assignments
  - Put critical activities on a longer workweek
  - Add exceptions to nonworktime

## Situation

The critical path needs to be shortened by at least five days.

## Initial Schedule



## **Additional Constraints**

### **Late Start**

- ◆ Start no later than constraint
  - Pulls a late start to the constraint date
  - Use to place a deadline on the start of an activity

### **Early Finish**

- ◆ Finish no earlier than constraint
  - Pushes an early finish to the constraint date
  - Use to prevent an activity from finishing too early

### **Start-On**

- ◆ Imposed start no earlier than and start no later than constraint on same activity
- ◆ Use to specify dates submitted by contractor

### **Mandatory Start and Finish**

- ◆ Forces early or late dates to be equal to constraint
- ◆ Violates network logic

## **Zero Total Float**

- ◆ If float is positive, the late dates are set to early dates

## **Zero Free Float**

- ◆ Delays an activity as late as possible without delaying successors
- ◆ Use to schedule a delivery as late as possible

## **Leveling**

- ◆ Use to dictate how to constrain an activity during resource leveling

## **Managing Resources and Costs**



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## **Definition of a Resource**

- ◆ Anything used to get the job done: equipment, labor, or material
- ◆ Necessary for completion of the project
- ◆ Critical to meeting the schedule
- ◆ Assigned at the activity level

## **Project Management Elements**

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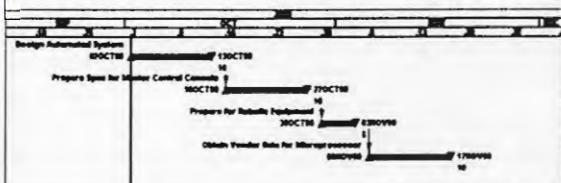
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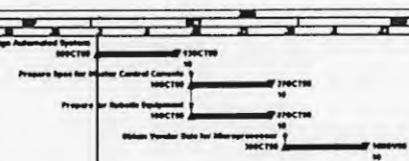
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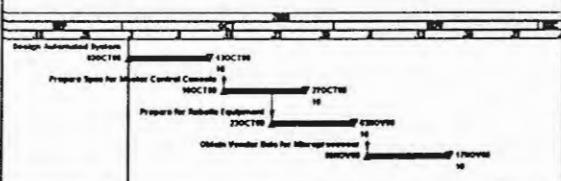
### Refine Duration Estimates



### Parallel Activities



### Overlapping Activities



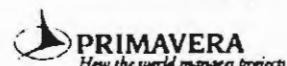
### Targets

- ◆ Freeze original optimized plan
  - Also known as a baseline plan
- ◆ Reflect original goals of project
- ◆ Unlimited number can be created
  - Tie two targets to current schedule for comparison
- ◆ Targets may be reassigned
- ◆ Necessary for target analysis

### Target Analysis

- ◆ Compares current schedule to target plan
- ◆ Provides baseline for schedule, resource and cost comparison
- ◆ Necessary for measuring performance
- ◆ Shows target comparison data in columns or bars

### Updating the Current Schedule



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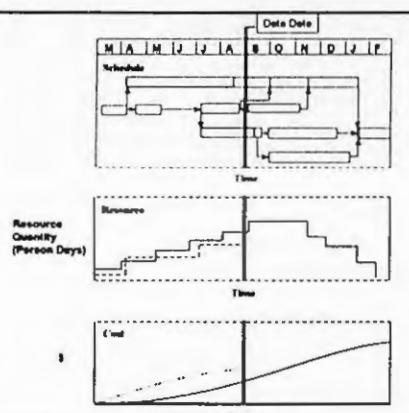
## Tracking Progress

### Control Phase

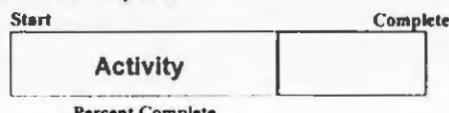
- During the tracking phase you will record actuals for each activity relative to the data date.

## Data Date

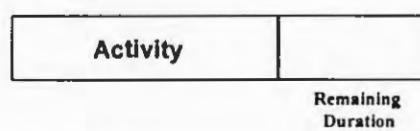
- "Time now"--the date up to which you are reporting progress and on which date you will start to schedule future work



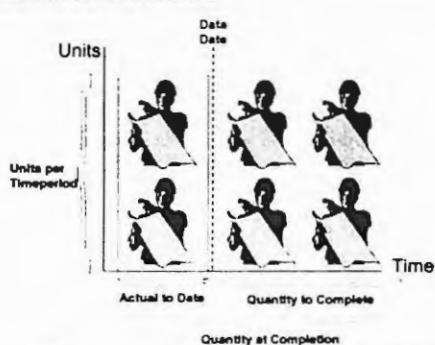
## Percent Complete



## Remaining Duration



## Resource Variables



## Calculations:

- Remaining Duration  $\times$  Unit Per Timeperiod = Qty. To Complete
- Actual To Date + Quantity To Complete = Qty. At Completion
- Quantity At Completion - Budgeted Quantity = Variance (units)

### **The Control Loop**

- ◆ Review performance to date.
- ◆ Analyze critical path activities.
- ◆ Focus on short term but don't lose sight of long term
- ◆ Develop strategies.
- ◆ Gain project team agreement.
- ◆ Implement revised plan.