

Acumen Fuse Boot Camp
Series: Analysis and
Metrics

**Activity Guide** 

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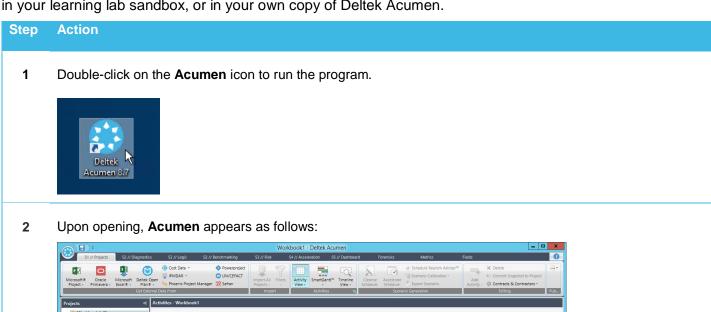
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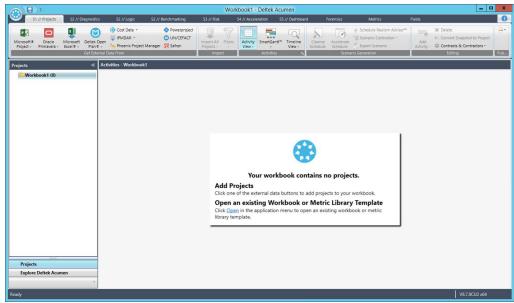
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## Activity 1.1: Loading a Schedule into Acumen

#### Activity 1.1.1: Loading the Schedule for Analysis

If you did not start with the Acumen Boot Camp Series: Quick Start training, then please perform these steps in your learning lab sandbox, or in your own copy of Deltek Acumen.

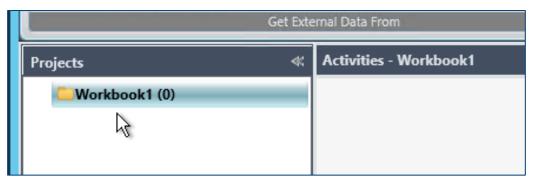




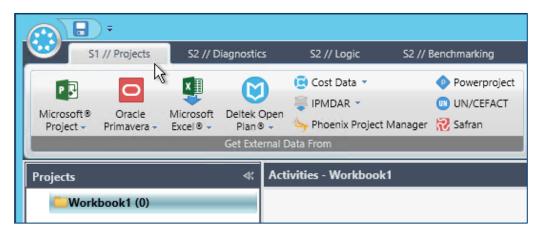
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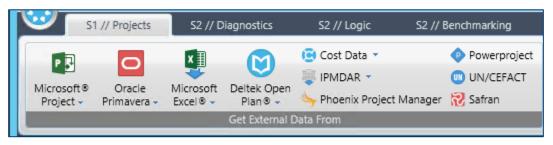
In the **Projects** area to the left, note there is a default **Workbook1** listed with a folder icon. This Workbook is where you will be loading and analyzing your project.



4 Look at the ribbon above the Projects area and note the **S1 // Projects** tab is selected. This is default when you first open Acumen.



Note also the various buttons arranged in the "**Get External Data From**" tool group. We will be using these shortly to import project schedules to Acumen.

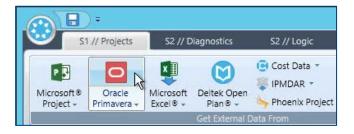


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## Activity 1.1.1: Loading the Schedule for Analysis, continued

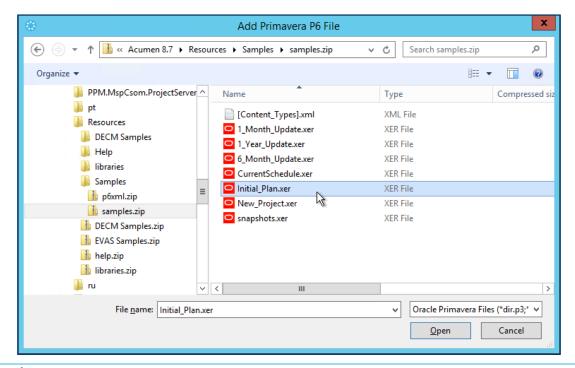
- 6 In the center of the Activities area is a prompt that will help guide you through your first steps in Acumen. Our first step is to Add a Project.
- 7 Click on the Oracle Primavera button in the 'Get External Data From' section of the S1 // Projects ribbon.



8 In the Open dialog, locate the Samples.zip file below the Acumen installation folder under the Resources / Samples folders.

C:\Program Files (x86)\Deltek\Acumen 8.7\Resources\Samples\samples.zip

Select the **Initial Plan.xer** file within the zip file and click Open. 9



### Activity 1.1.1: Loading the Schedule for Analysis, continued

## Step Action

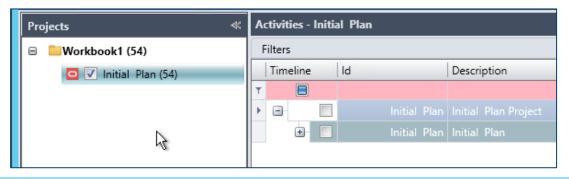
10 The Initial Plan file appears in the Projects list. There is one more step to fully load this file.



11 Click on the top part of the **Import All Projects** button.



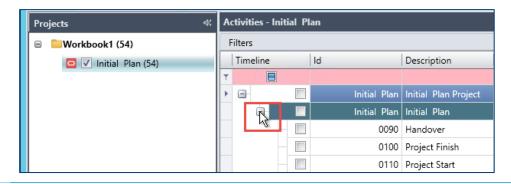
After a few moments the **Project** content appears in the **Activities** window and the **Oracle Icon** appears beside the **Initial Plan** list item.



### Activity 1.1.1: Loading the Schedule for Analysis, continued

#### Step Action

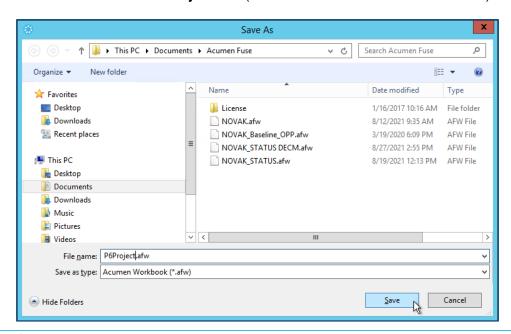
13 Expand some of the elements in the Activities window to the right of the Projects list.



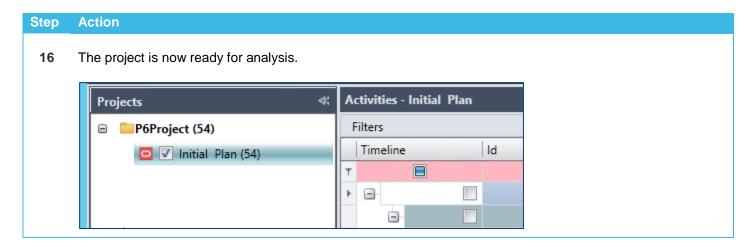
14 Click on the **Save** button on the **Quick Access Tool bar** to save the workbook.



15 Save the workbook as **P6Project.afw**. (Where **AFW** is Acumen Fuse Workbook)



## Activity 1.1.1: Loading the Schedule for Analysis, continued

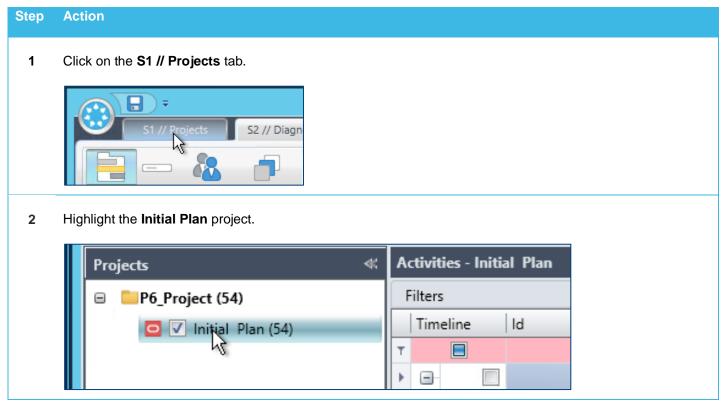


## **Activity 1.2: Snapshots and Scenarios**

#### Activity 1.2.1: Importing a Snapshot

The heart of Deltek Acumen Fuse is the S2 // Diagnostics tab. During the Quick Start training module you loaded the Initial Plan P6 project, and then performed a Schedule Quality diagnostic. We did not spend much time learning about the S2 // Diagnostics view, so in this module, we will take a deeper dive into the various elements of this view.

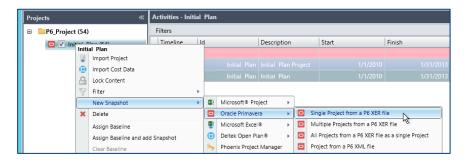
Before we explore the S2 // Diagnostics tab, we need to do a little extra work in the S1 // Projects tab to bring in a project snapshot, and to create something called a scenario. A scenarios is an editable version of a project file.



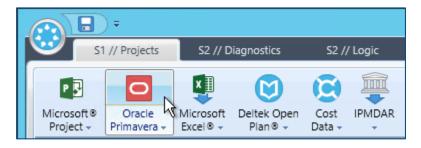
## Activity 1.2.1: Importing a Snapshot, continued

#### Step Action

- 3 From here you can load the snapshot in one of two ways.
  - a. Right-click on the project name and select **New Snapshot | Oracle Primavera | Single Project from a P6 XER file** option in the resulting list:



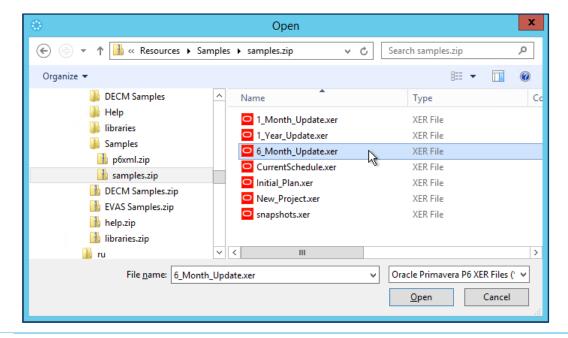
b. Or you can simply click the top portion of the **Oracle Primavera** button in the **Get External Data From** ribbon tool group.



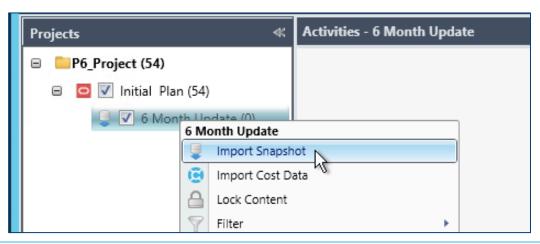
#### Activity 1.2.1: Importing a Snapshot, continued

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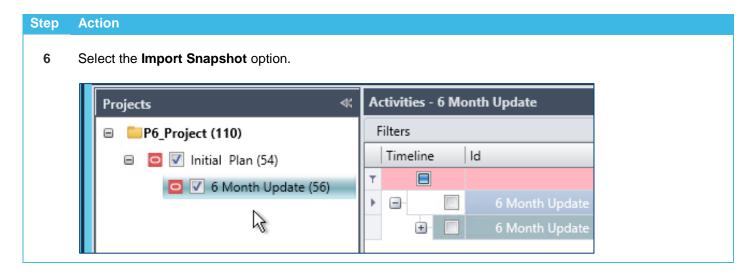
In the resulting Open dialog, select the **6\_Month Update.xer** file from the **Samples.zip** file located below the **Resources | Samples** folder in the Acumen installation folder.



5 Now right-click on the 6 Month Update project in the Projects list.

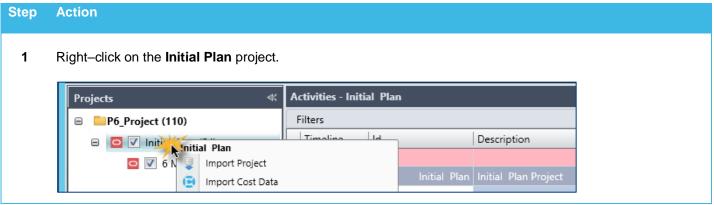


#### Activity 1.2.1: Importing a Snapshot, continued

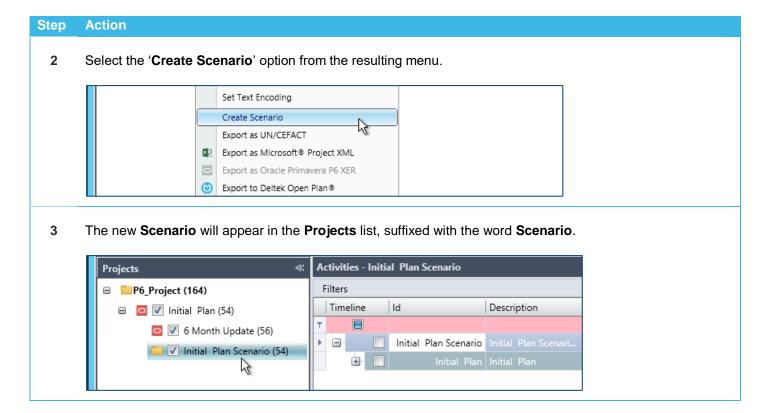


#### Activity 1.2.2: Creating a Scenario

Having loaded a snapshot, let's learn how to create a scenario. It's very simple to do and there are a number of situations where a 'Scenario' is helpful in reporting and/or exporting projects that have been adjusted in some way by Acumen. It is necessary to use scenarios when project data needs to be changed, as Acumen protects the original files loaded by disallowing all but the most minor and insignificant changes to be made to that original data, namely the description.



#### Activity 1.2.2: Creating a Scenario, continued



#### Activity 1.2.3: Explore the Diagnostics View

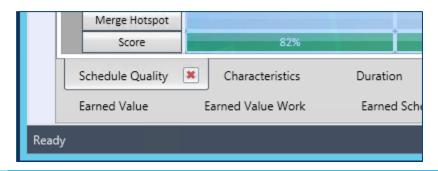
Now that we have one of each project type loaded into our workbook, let's take a closer look at the **S2** // **Diagnostics** view.



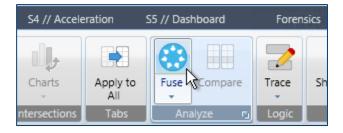
### Activity 1.2.3: Explore the Diagnostics View, continued

#### Step Action

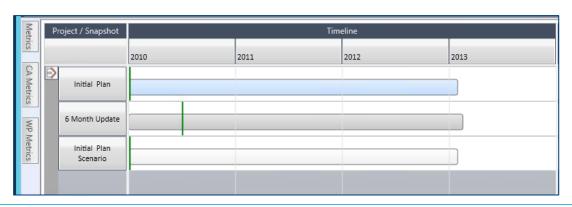
2 Verify that the **Schedule Quality** ribbon view is selected at the bottom of the window.



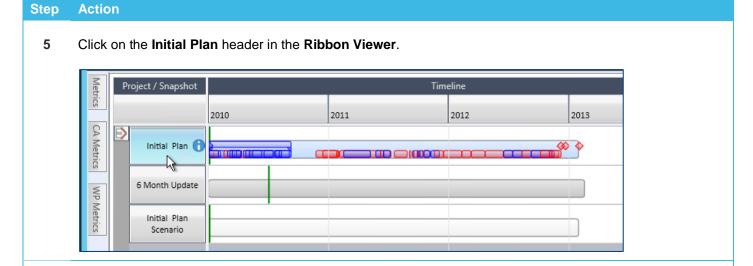
3 Now click on the top portion of the **Fuse** button.



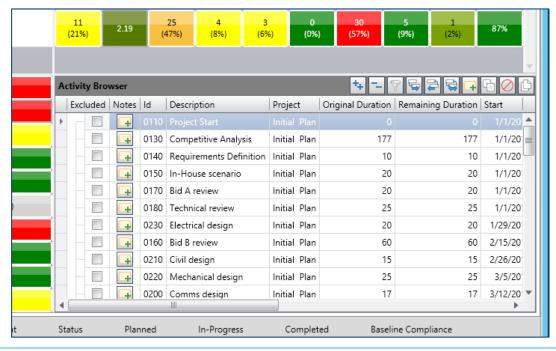
4 Top-right is the **Ribbon Viewer**.



## Activity 1.2.3: Explore the Diagnostics View, continued



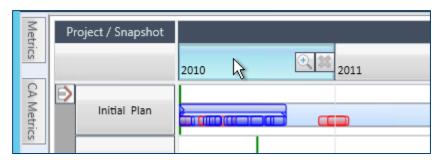
6 Look to the bottom-right of the view to see the Project's activities listed in the Activity Browser.



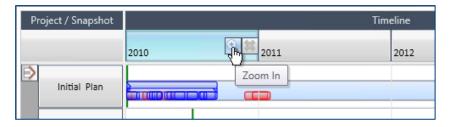
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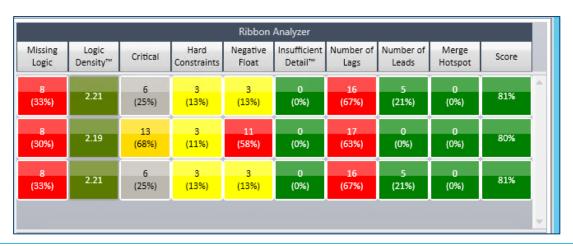
7 To zoom in to a particular period, click on its header – in this example click on the **2010** period.



8 Click on the **Magnifying** glass icon in the header.



9 Look at the **Ribbon Analyzer** to the right of the Timeline.



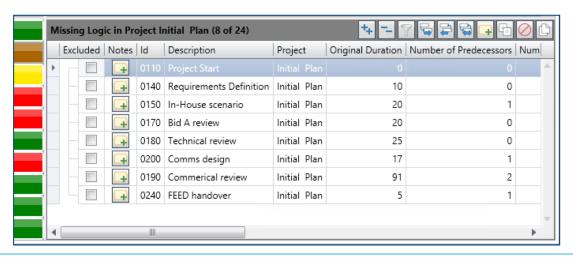
### Activity 1.2.3: Explore the Diagnostics View, continued

#### Step Action

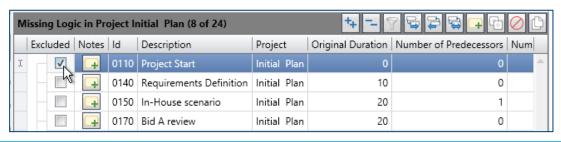
10 Click on the first Missing Logic metric on the top row.



Now look below the Ribbon Analyzer. The activity browser is displaying a list of the activities that are demonstrating missing logic: i.e. a predecessor, a successor, or both are not present on the listed activities.



12 Now click on the **Excluded** check box beside the **Project Start** activity.



Step

## Activity 1.2.3: Explore the Diagnostics View, continued

13 Click the Fuse button.

**Action** 



14 Note the slightly improved score.



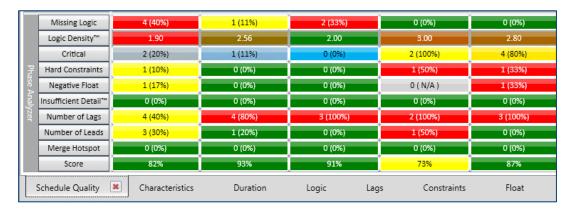
## Activity 1.3: Working with the Phase Analyzer

#### Activity 1.3.1: Working with the Phase Analyzer

So far we've largely focused on the Ribbon analyzer, which gives a horizontal view of summary metrics for whatever element is displayed. However the phase-analyzer divides the project in the vertical, placing the results of the analysis into period buckets. This opens the door for many more analytical processes.

#### Step Action

1 Take a look at the **Phase Analyzer**.



The phase analyzer shows a time-phased version of the metric results. It allows us to see not just that an activity has achieve a certain score, but also when the activity score is appearing on the project timeline.

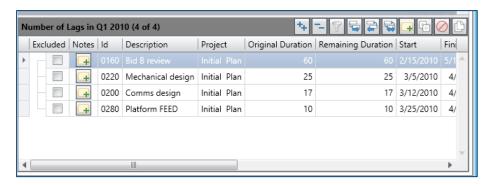
2 Click on the **Q1 2010 Number of Lags** cell.



### Activity 1.3.1: Working with the Phase Analyzer, continued



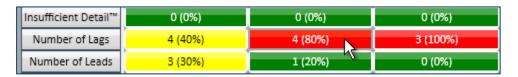
3 Look at the activity browser.



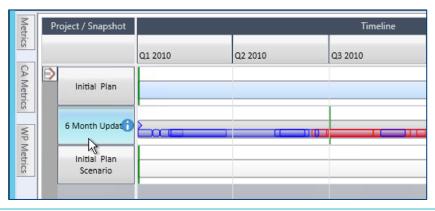
4 Make a note of the 4 activities and 40% score for the **Number of Lags** in Q1 2010.



5 Click on the Q2 2010 Number of Lags, and again note the activities that appear in the Activity Browser.



6 Double-click on the 6 Month Update project row header.

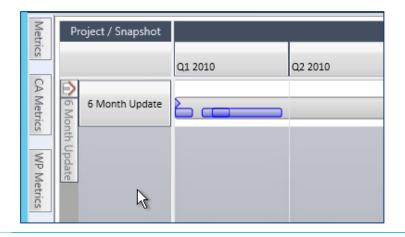


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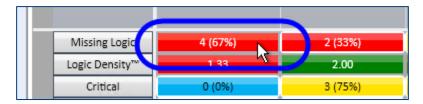
## Activity 1.3.1: Working with the Phase Analyzer, continued

7 Review the results.

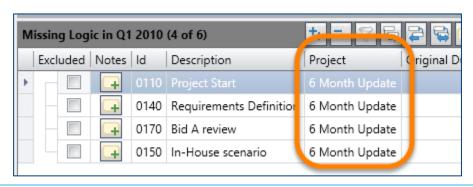
**Action** 



8 Click on the Missing Logic cell and then look at the Activity Browser.



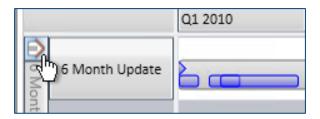
9 You can tell what project is now being displayed by the values in the Project column of the Activity Browser.



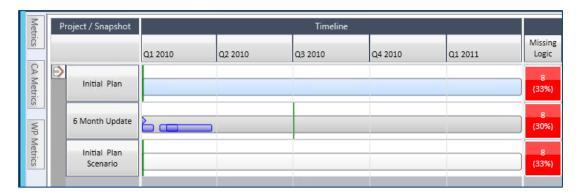
### Activity 1.3.1: Working with the Phase Analyzer, continued

### Step Action

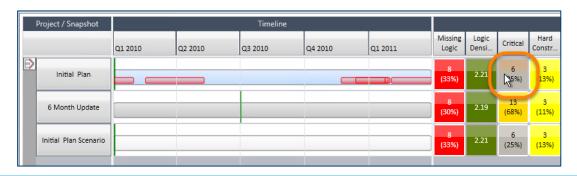
10 To return to seeing all three projects, click on the **Home** button.



11 Note the return of the **Ribbons** in the **Timeline**.



Now click on different metric cells and watch the ribbon display activities as little blue and/or red bars depending on criticality.



## Activity 1.4: Grouping and Sorting

### Activity 1.4.1: Organizing Project Data using the Fields Tool

Having become familiar with the general areas of the **S2** // **Diagnostics** view, I will now demonstrate some steps that will teach you how to organize data on the screen.

In this demonstration you will see how to use the tools in the Ribbons tool group to change the way we are viewing the project. Note that as well as projects – the default way data is organized in Diagnostics – we also see Fields, Resources, and Hierarchy. We can use these buttons to change the way the project is displayed.

Let's say for example that I wish to organize the project in my ribbon analyzer by the 'contractor' user defined field. Here are the steps.

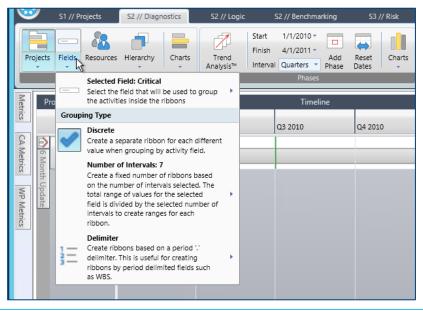
#### Action

Step

1 To select just the 6 Month Update project, double-click on it in the Project / Snapshot list.



2 Click on the bottom of the Fields button.



### Activity 1.4.1: Organizing Project Data using the Fields Tool, continued

#### Step Action

3 Click the **top** of the **Fields** button.



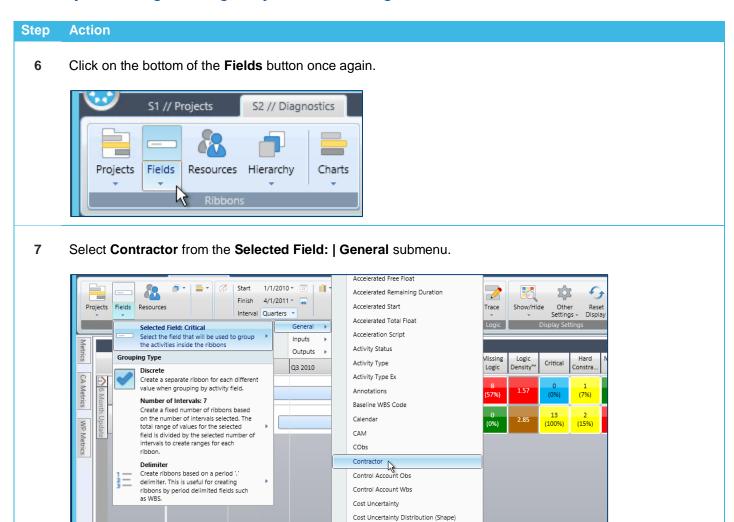
4 Click the Fuse button.



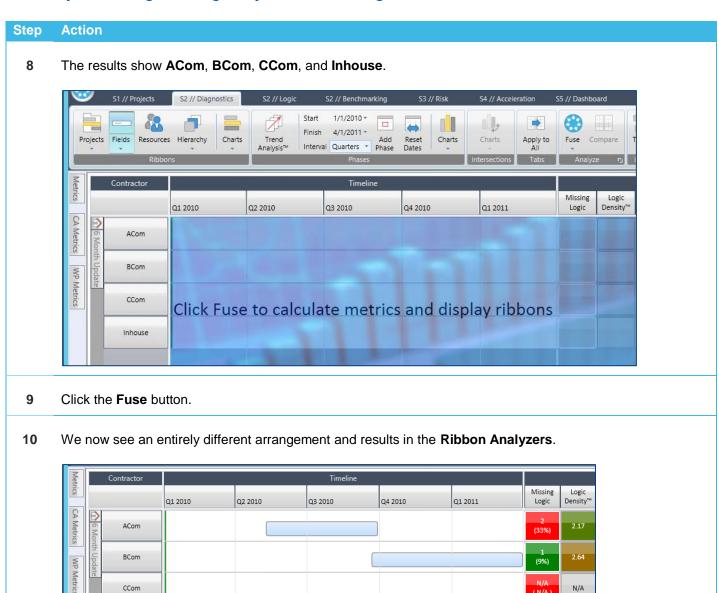
Note the results. It appears that the bulk of the critical activities are in the last three years of the project. More clues that logic needs work to keep that critical path throughout the project.



### Activity 1.4.1: Organizing Project Data using the Fields Tool, continued



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### Activity 1.4.1: Organizing Project Data using the Fields Tool, continued

#### Step Action

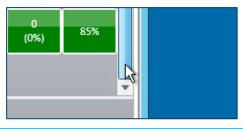
11 Now click on the **Resources** button.



- 12 Note the **Resource** names now listed on the far left of the screen.
- 13 Click on the Fuse button.



14 Scroll down to see the last resources in the list.

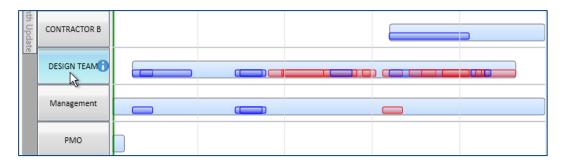


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### Activity 1.4.1: Organizing Project Data using the Fields Tool, continued

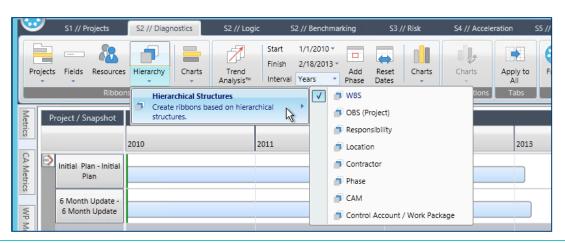
15 Click on **Design Team** resource row header.



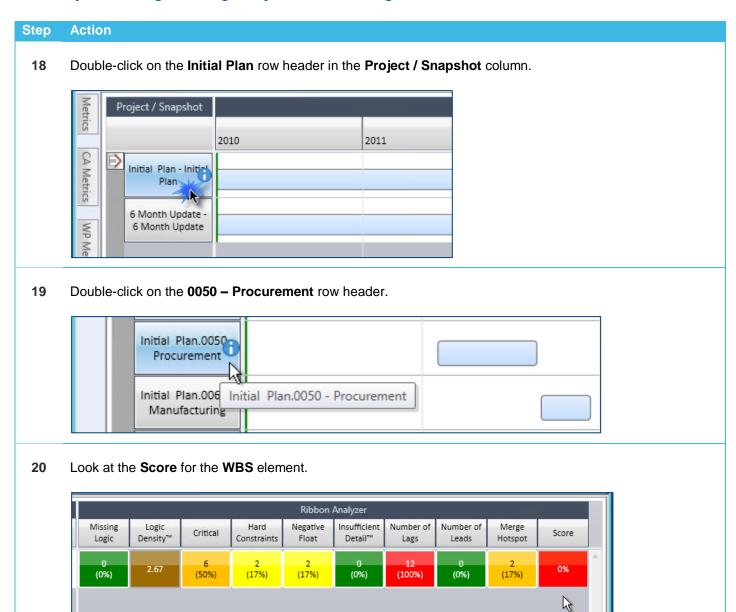
16 Now click on the **Hierarchy** button.



17 Click the bottom half of the **Hierarchy** button and then click on the menu.



### Activity 1.4.1: Organizing Project Data using the Fields Tool, continued



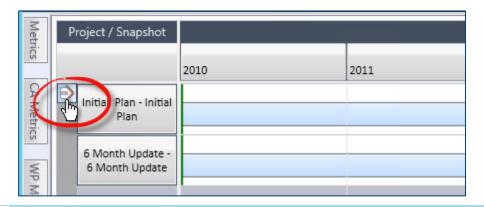
### Activity 1.4.1: Organizing Project Data using the Fields Tool, continued

#### Step Action

21 Now click on the Initial Plan label that is stacked below the Home button in the Project / Snapshot area.



Now click on the **Home** button to return to the program view that is showing the project and the snapshot.



23 Click the **Projects** button in the **Ribbons** tool group.



24 Click **Fuse** to recalculate the metrics at the project level of all projects and snapshots.

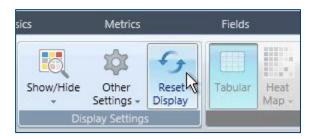
## **Activity 1.5: Trend Analysis**

#### Activity 1.5.1: Using Trend Analysis

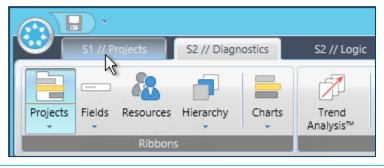
Trend Analysis lets you see trends over time when you have two or more projects. This is helpful when you have a baseline project, and multiple snapshots of the project as it progresses. Examples of this might be tracking the burn-down of total float within a project, or perhaps keeping track of your Critical Activities to make sure their numbers are not increasing. Let's look at some examples of how to view trends.

#### Step Action

1 Click on the **Reset Display** button in the **Display Settings** tool group.



2 Now click on the S1 // Projects tab.



**Action** 

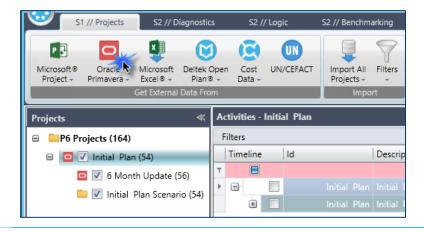
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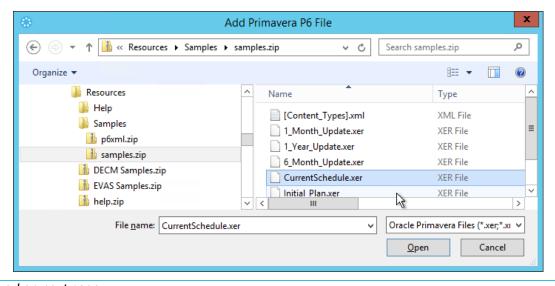
## Activity 1.5.1: Using Trend Analysis, continued



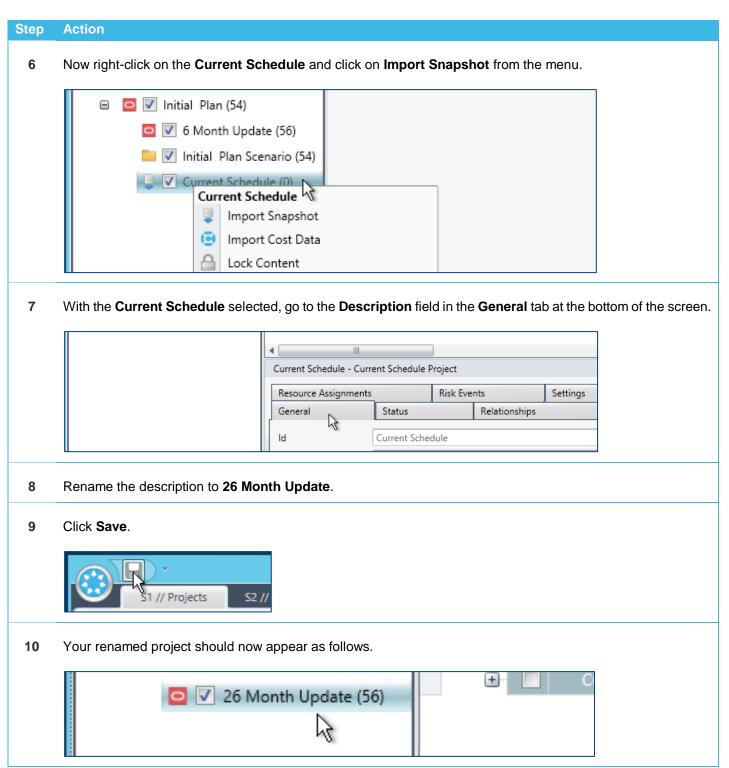
With the Initial Plan project highlighted in the Projects list, click on the Oracle Primavera button.



- In the Add Primavera P6 File dialog, locate the Samples.zip file in the C:\Program Files (x86)\Deltek\Acumen 8.7\Resources\Samples\samples.zip.
- 5 Select the CurrentSchedule.xer file and click Open.



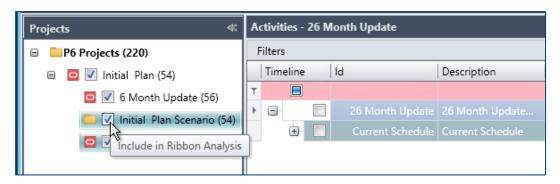
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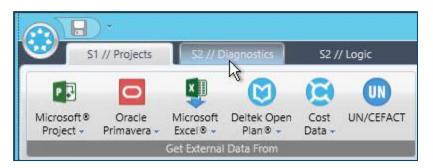
## Activity 1.5.1: Using Trend Analysis, continued

#### Step Action

11 Now click to uncheck the 'Include in Ribbon Analysis' box on the Initial Plan Scenario.



12 Click on S2 // Diagnostics.



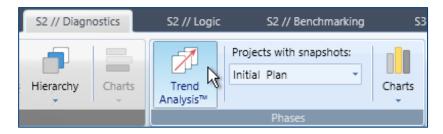
13 Click the Fuse button.



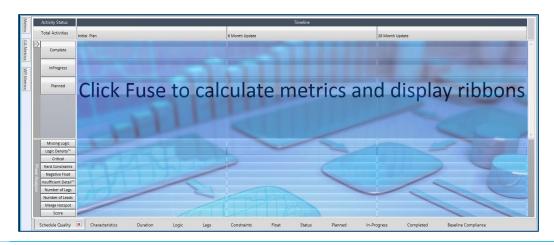
### Activity 1.5.1: Using Trend Analysis, continued

#### Step Action

14 Click Trend Analysis.



15 Note how the layout has switched to the projects and snapshots being the columns.



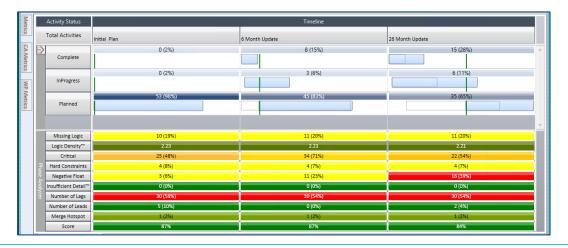
16 Click Fuse.



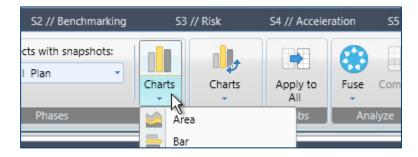
### Activity 1.5.1: Using Trend Analysis, continued

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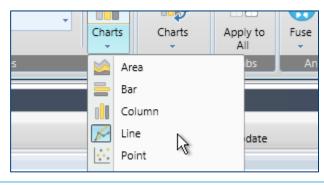
Look at the **Negative Float** metric and note how it goes from 3 activities in the **Initial Plan**, to 11 activities in the **6 Month Update**, and finally 16 activities in the **26 Month Update**.



18 Click on the bottom half of the **Charts** button in the **Phases** tool group.



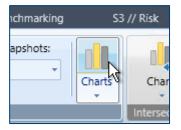
19 Select the **Line** graph from the list. This may already be selected as default.



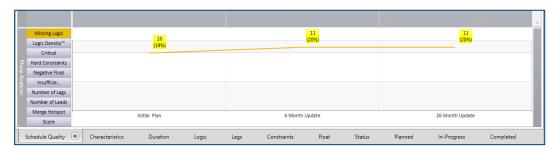
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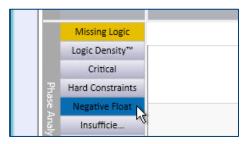
20 Click on the top of the **Charts** button.



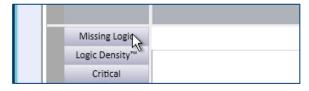
The **Phase Analyzer** area is transformed to a graph that has defaulted to selecting the first metric – **Missing Logic**.



22 Click on the Negative Float metric.



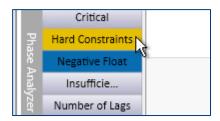
23 Click on the **Missing Logic** metric to deselect it.



### Activity 1.5.1: Using Trend Analysis, continued

#### Step Action

24 Click on the **Hard Constraints** metric to overlay this on the graph.



- On your own, select different metrics to see that graphs. Remember these are toggles to you click once to enable, and once again to disable a particular metric.
- When you are done, turn off trend analysis by clicking the **Trend Analysis** button.
- 27 Click the Fuse button.

## Activity 1.6: Intersection Analyzer

### Activity 1.6.1: Adding Metrics to the Intersection Analyzer

Intersection Analysis blends Ribbon Analysis and Phase Analysis into the timeline table by allowing you to add just one metric – and that can be any metric – to the top left corner of each cell in the Timeline table.

#### Step Action

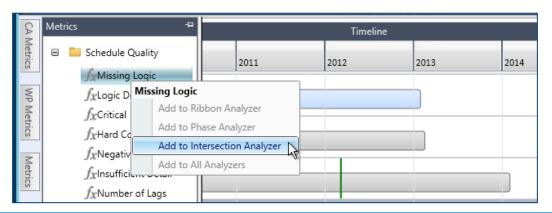
In the S2 // Diagnostics tab, click on the Reset Display option in the Display Settings tool group to return to the standard layout for the selected Ribbon view.



2 Click on the Vertical Metrics button to the left for the Project / Snapshot area.



3 Right-click on the Missing Logic metric in the list



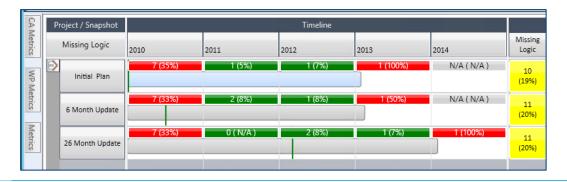
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### Activity 1.6.1: Adding Metrics to the Intersection Analyzer, continued

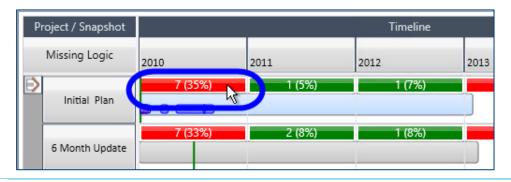
4 Click on the Fuse button.

**Action** 

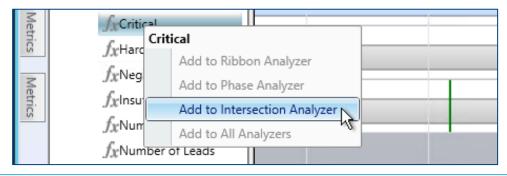
5 View the results in the **Timeline** table.



Click on the red bar in the 2010 - Initial Plan and look at the Activity Browser to see the 7 activities that make 6 up the score in that period.



7 To change the metric in the Intersection Analyzer, simply repeat the previous steps and select the metric you would like to see displayed.

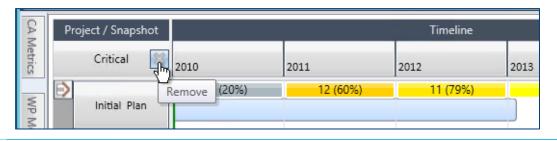


Action

Step

### Activity 1.6.1: Adding Metrics to the Intersection Analyzer, continued

- 8 Click Fuse to recalculate the new metric in the Intersection Analyzer. In this case the Critical metric has been selected.
- 9 To remove a particular Intersection Analyzer, hover your mouse over the header in the top-left corner of the window - in this case you can see the Missing Logic header now has an "X". Click that 'X' to remove the Metric.



10 The Intersection Metric header will appear blank once more.



### **Activity 1.7: Modifying Metrics**

#### Activity 1.7.1: Modifying a Standard Metric

So far you have been using the standard metrics shipped with Acumen. In this section you will learn how to copy and modify a standard metric.

#### Step Action

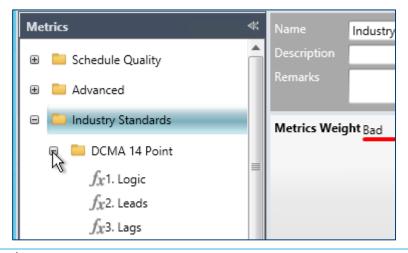
1 Click on the **Metrics** tab.



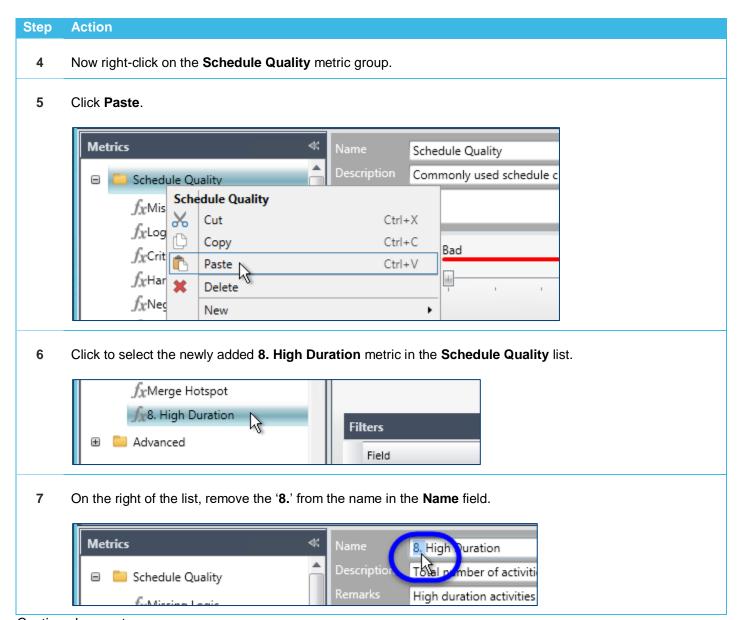
2 Click on the Vertical Metrics button to the left for the Project / Snapshot area.



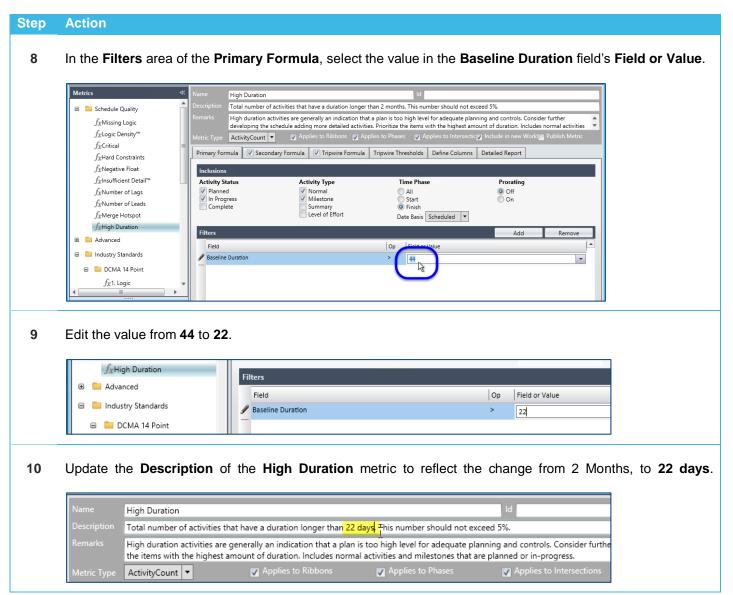
3 In the Metrics column on the left, expand the Industry Standard | DCMA 14 Point metric group in the list



#### Activity 1.7.1: Modifying a Standard Metric, continued



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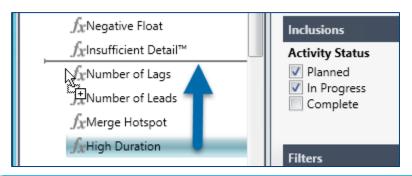
### Activity 1.7.1: Modifying a Standard Metric, continued

#### Step Action

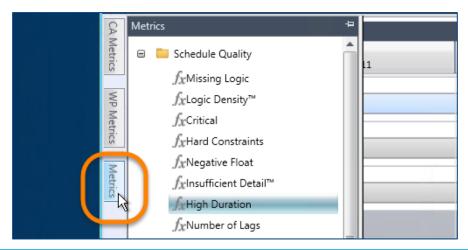
11 Click **Save** to save the change into the workbook.



12 Now click and drag the **High Duration** metric upwards so that it sits below the **Insufficient Detail** metric.



- 13 Click S2 // Diagnostics.
- 14 Click the vertical **Metrics** button to the left of the **Project / Snapshot** list.

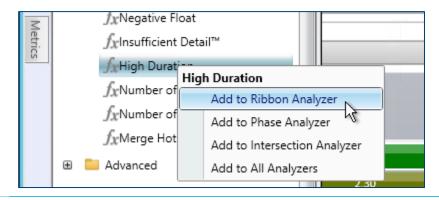


**Action** 

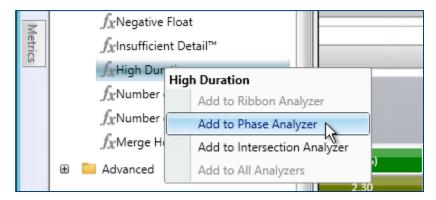
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#### Activity 1.7.1: Modifying a Standard Metric, continued

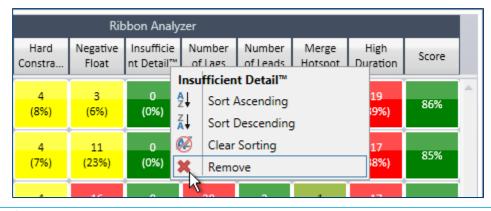
15 Right-click on the High Duration metric and select Add to Ribbon Analyzer.



16 Right-click again and select Add to Phase Analyzer.



Now right-click on the **Insufficient Detail** ™ metric in the **Ribbon Analyzer** and select **Remove** from the list. 17



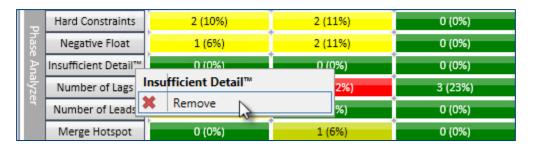
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**Action** 

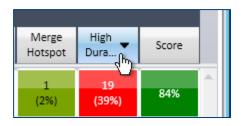
### Activity 1.7.1: Modifying a Standard Metric, continued

#### Activity 1.7.1. Modifying a Standard Metric, continue

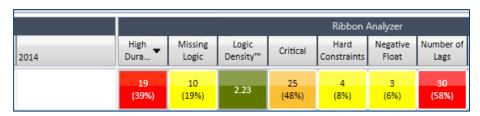
18 Do the same in the Phase Analyzer.



- 19 Click the Fuse button.
- 20 Click **Save** to update the workbook file.
- 21 Click once of the **High Duration** metric header to put focus on it.



22 Drag and drop the new **High Duration** metric to be the first metric in the **Ribbon Analyzer**.



### Activity 1.7.1: Modifying a Standard Metric, continued

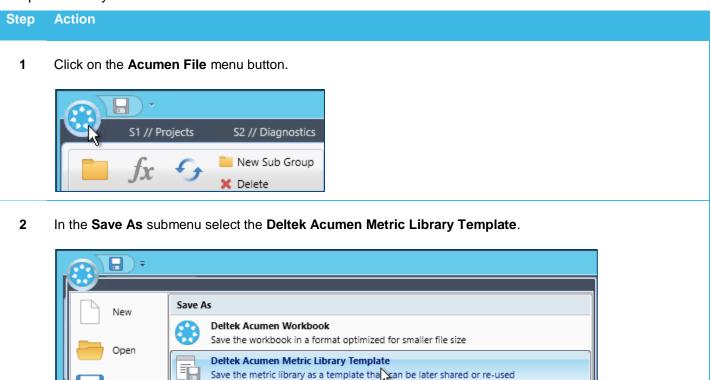
Step Action 23 Click on the High Duration metric for Initial Plan and in the Activity Browser, take a look at the activities impacting the score. 11 (23%) N/A ( N/A ) High Duration in Project Initial Plan (19 of 19) Excluded Notes Id Description [<del>+</del> 0160 Bid B review N/A ( N/A ) 0220 Mechanical design Initial Plan 0260 EPC design Initial Plan 0190 Commerical review

### **Activity 1.8: Sharing Metrics**

#### Activity 1.8.1: Saving a Metric Library Template

You have just created a new metric. That metric only exists in your current workbook. However you would like to share it with other Acumen users in the company. The question is, how do you share it with another user, or better still, make it available to you for your next project workbook?

The answer is, you save your workbook, along with its new High Duration metric as a Deltek Acumen Metric Template Library – or .AFT file.



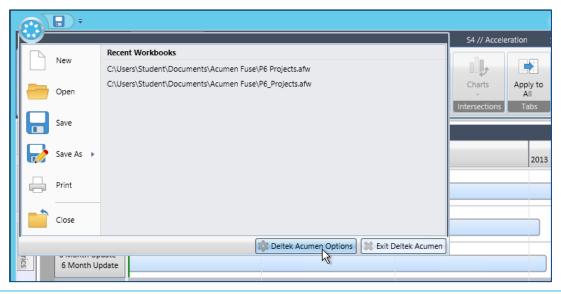
### Activity 1.8.1: Saving a Metric Library Template, continued

#### Step **Action** 3 In the Save As dialog, select the C:\Users\Student\Documents\Acumen Fuse folder and enter My Metric Template in the File Name field. 膧 Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Videos L System (C:) File name: My Metric Template aft γ Save as type: Acumen Fuse Metric Template (\*.aft) Save Cancel Hide Folders

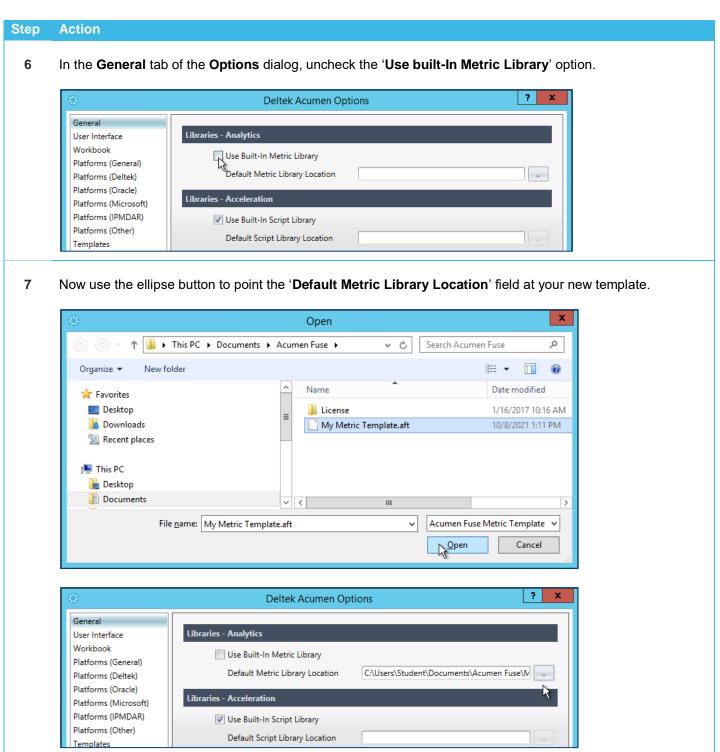
4 Click Save.

Having saved the template you can now share it with other Acumen users, or make it your default template. Let me show you how to do that.

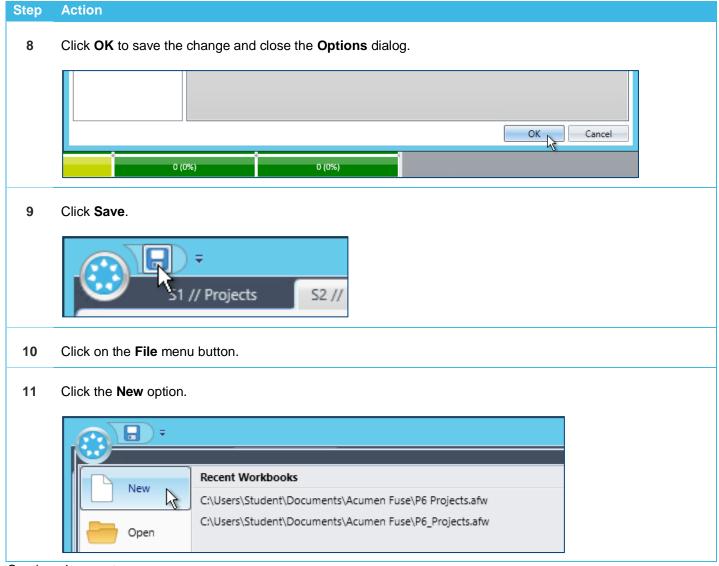
5 Continuing with the activity, return to the **File** menu button and this time click on the **Deltek Acumen Options** button in the dialog.



### Activity 1.8.1: Saving a Metric Library Template, continued



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