Full Monte SRA for Microsoft Project – Release Notes version 3.3

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Introduction

This document describes the new and updated features in Full Monte 3.3 for Microsoft Project.

Installation

Any earlier versions of Full Monte must be uninstalled before installing Full Monte 3.3. The Full Monte data stored by Full Monte 3.3 is backward compatible with Full Monte 3.2. However, data from earlier versions of Full Monte will be converted on first use. Once converted it will no longer be recognized by those older versions. Please refer to the Full Monte for Microsoft Project Installation Guide for information regarding converting from Full Monte 2.1 or earlier.

Field Mappings

Full Monte for Microsoft Project stores duration uncertainty and result information in Microsoft Project custom fields and uses a process called 'mapping' to choose which custom fields contain Full Monte data. In Full Monte 3.0/3.1 the system default was to try to use Text1 through Text14. Many customers already used those fields for their own information. Full Monte would detect these conflicts and would then suggest alternate mappings which was found complex by inexperienced users. For Full Monte 3.2/3.3 we have reduced the number of custom text fields mapped by default and now try to use Text26 through Text30. The only mandatory field that must be mapped remains Full Monte Input Data.

> *Note: This change only affects new projects never opened by Full Monte and will not change existing implementations where User Default Mappings have previously been defined.*

File, Import…

The File, Import… capability used to load duration uncertainty information from Microsoft Project custom fields has been enhanced with a new option to 'Pro-rate In-Progress Tasks'.

In earlier versions, data was always imported exactly as it appeared in the source fields. This meant that, if the original data was re-imported once a task was in-progress, the imported uncertainty data would reset the uncertainty data

previously modified by Full Monte to take into account progress. This would result in greater uncertainty than perhaps was expected.

The new option allows Full Monte to pro-rate the imported data to consider progress in the same way that it automatically pro-rates uncertainty previously set in Full Monte as tasks are progressed.

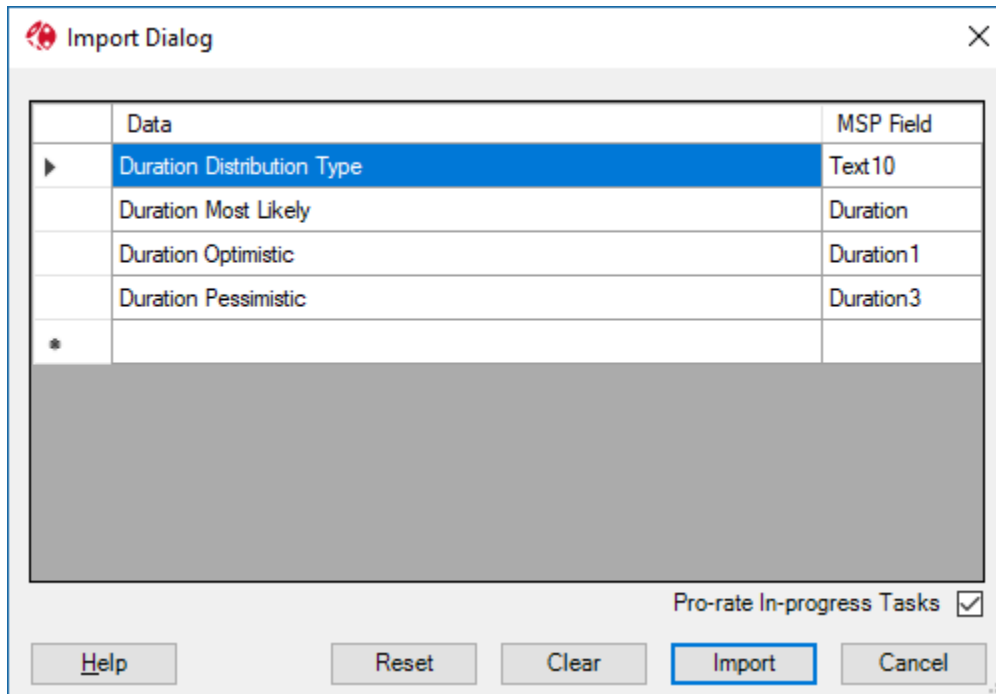The new option can be seen above the Cancel button in Figure 1.

Figure 1

The import mechanism has also been enhanced to completely ignore Duration Uncertainty data for tasks where the imported Duration Distribution Type stored in a custom text field is blank.

Note: This change only affects cases where the Duration Distribution Type is imported from a custom Text field. Data in a custom Numeric field cannot be blank. If the numeric field is cleared it becomes a zero which represents a Duration Distribution Type of (None).

This change allows generic uncertainty to be specified for groups of tasks using Full Monte Templates and then specific discrete Duration values to be loaded for known high risk tasks.

Version Information and Bug Fixes

Original Release Full Monte 2017 R2 (May 2019 version 3.3.19123.2 or later)
Fixed an issue with Material Costs.

Removed messages related to LOE tasks from the log file.

Removed messages related to Summary Tasks flagged as Milestones.

Signed the VSTO add-in for secure installations that don't allow unsigned add-ins.

Fixed an exception if Optimistic/Pessimistic durations were deleted and left blank in the spreadsheet.

Resolved an issue with File, Export settings not being correctly persisted between sessions.

Updated Release Full Monte 2017 R2 (June 2019 version 3.3.19158.1 or later)

Fixed an issue with Probabilistic Branching.

Improved support for Foreign Language version of Microsoft Project.

Corrected an issue with Edit Pane sizing when screen scaling was used.

Updated Release Full Monte 2017 R2 (September 2019 version 3.3.19249.1 or later)

Enhanced File Export to convert percentages to durations when the target User Field is a Duration field.

Enhanced the History View to automatically scale the X-Axis.

Fixed a Costs issue where resources had manual profiles and cost escalation.

Updated the Code Signing Certificate and added the certificate to the VSTO file for secure environments.

Updated Release Full Monte SRA 3.3 (April 2020 version 3.3.20098.4 or later)

Name changed to Full Monte SRA.

Dropped the use of the '2017 Rx' version name. We now only use the internal major/minor version to identify versions. Currently this is 3.3.

Trial period reduced from 30 to 14 days.

Exported Durations now honor the view duration units specified in Full Monte.

Resolved a crash in the Filter Dialog.