

Need Better Schedules in Microsoft Project?

Use ProjectPro's add-in: *Forecast Scheduling App*




ProjectPro's **Forecast Scheduling App** (FSA) was designed with two target groups in mind:

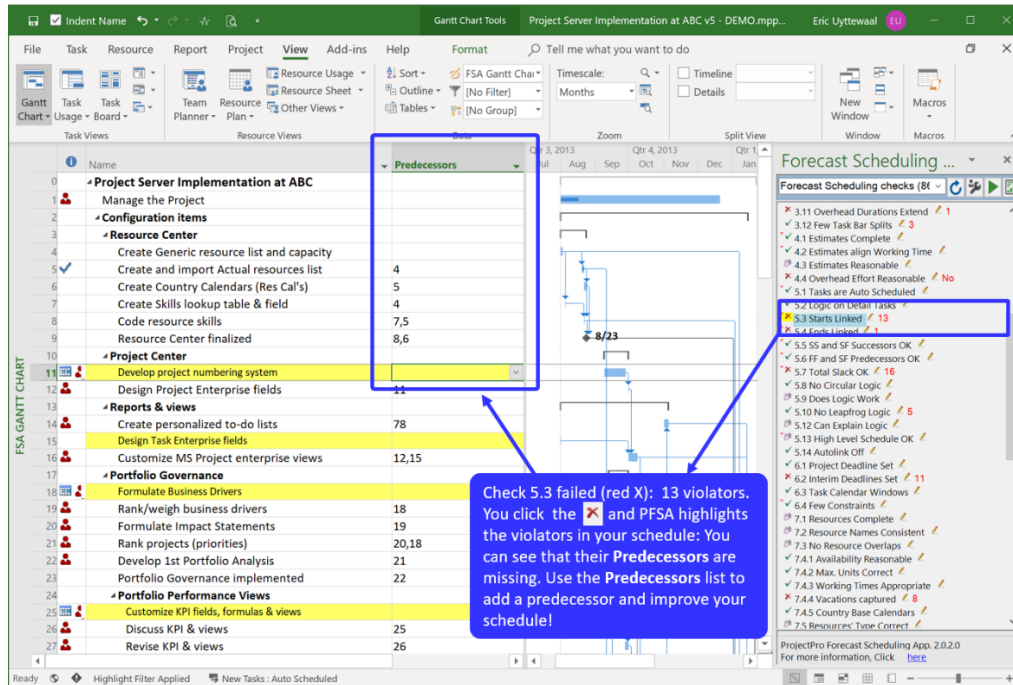
- **Project Managers** who would like to improve their schedules
- **Schedule Auditors** who need to provide feedback on project schedules from others


FSA comes with **133 built-in checks**: 60% are automated checks . FSA guides you in performing the manual checks .

You can quickly select one of several lists of checks that suits your needs:

- **Forecast Scheduling 86 checks from ProjectPro sub lists:**
 - **Time Modeling**: simplest schedule to forecast time: *Deliverables, Durations, Dependencies and Deadlines* (4D)
 - **Workload Modeling**: resource-loaded schedule to forecast aggregated workloads: add the 5 A's: *Activities, Availabilities of Resources, Assignments, Assignment Units, Assignment Effort*
 - **Cost Modeling**: most advanced schedule to forecast cost: add the 6 C's: *Capital, Charge Accounts, Charge Rates, Cost & Material Resources, Cost Accrual, Charge Rate Escalation*
- **DCMA 14 checks from the Defense Contract Manufacturing Association (DCMA)**
- **GAO 33 checks from the USA General Accountability Office's Schedule Assessment Guide**

FSA appears on the right-hand side of your screen: You can see it AND improve your schedule side-by-side. Each check passes  or fails . When you click , FSA adjusts the screen and highlights where you can improve your schedule:



Check 5.3 failed (red X): 13 violators. You click the  and PFSA highlights the violators in your schedule: You can see that their **Predecessors** are missing. Use the **Predecessors** list to add a predecessor and improve your schedule!

The **Main benefits** of FSA are:

- **Use industry-tested best practices** for scheduling projects from trusted sources: textbook **Forecast Scheduling** from Eric Uyttewaal or **DCMA 14-point Checklist** or the **GAO 33 checks**.
- **FSA guides you in improving your schedule** using a structured checklist that provides explanation and guidance.
- **Save yourself many clicks**: FSA immediately modifies the MS Project screen and provides useful metrics.

- **Create a detailed report automatically in MS Word.** Part of the report looks like this listing all violators:

Evaluation Report of Schedule: <i>Project Server Implementation at ABC.mpp</i>								
The following are points that need to be changed in your schedule:								
Check	Schedule Feedback Text	Response						
5.4	The following tasks do not have their end linked (loose ends). With loose ends in the network, the Critical Path calculation is not performed correctly. Can you give them a successor? <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ID</th> <th>Task</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Contract SaaS provider</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>Create Skills lookup table & field</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ID	Task	3	Contract SaaS provider	11	Create Skills lookup table & field	
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5.3	The following tasks or milestones do not have a link to their start and seem to need one							

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