

Project Mentor

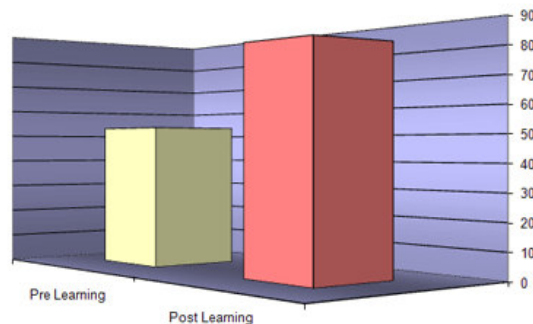
Exercises test skills, abilities & understanding

How Project Mentor lets you test your skills, knowledge and abilities to meet your own personal learning needs

Not only does Project Mentor teach you the best way to use Microsoft Project; it tests your knowledge, skills and abilities as well. Pre-learning tests determine your current knowledge levels and help you to structure your learning. Post-learning exercises and examinations test what you know about Microsoft Project and how you are able to use Microsoft Project to its greatest potential.

Use challenging multi-faceted exercises to test your skills abilities and understanding. Test yourself not only on how well you know Microsoft Project but also on how you can interpret the information that it provides; thus helping you make better-informed project decisions.

- Use pre-learning tests to determine your existing knowledge and help you structure your learning.
- Consolidate your knowledge with post-learning exams.
- Use end-of-module exercises to test yourself on what you've learnt.
- Assess the knowledge you have gained.



The graph above shows the average pre-learning (53%) and post-learning (83%) scores across all Project Mentor users. This indicates an overall knowledge increase of 30% and a relative knowledge increase of more than 50% before and after using Project Mentor.

Test yourself on what you've learnt

Once you have worked through your chosen lessons, test your skills and abilities by working through a module's exercises. Every exercise has been carefully designed so that you can assess what you have learnt in a practical real-world manner.

The image to the right shows the end-of-module exercises for Module G. These exercises will test skills and abilities learnt within the module. Links to related lessons are always available

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Project interface for Module G, 'Optimizing people and plans'. The lesson is titled 'Finding resource conflicts and analyzing their cause'. It explains that a common problem is the existence of resource conflicts. A table lists resources: Scott Mason (Week), Jon Olson (Week), David Chowdhry (Week), Sybil Rubin (Week), and Lucy Magala (Week). A note indicates that Scott should be leveled based on a day-by-day setting. The exercise asks the user to determine the reason for Scott's conflict and click on the A button to reveal the reason.

Resource Name	Type	Main Label
1 Scott Mason	Week	
2 Jon Olson	Week	
3 David Chowdhry	Week	
4 Sybil Rubin	Week	
5 Lucy Magala	Week	

Interpret information and make informed decisions

Equally important to understanding how to use Microsoft Project properly is how to make decisions based upon the information that Microsoft Project provides. Thought-provoking questions and answers will assess your interpretation of the information that you see, thus giving you a more extensive understanding that you can apply to your own projects.

The image to the right shows a series of True/False questions that test how Microsoft Project data is interpreted. Against each answer is a detailed explanation as to the relevancy of the data provided.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Project interface for Module G, 'Optimizing people and plans'. It contains a series of True/False questions with detailed explanations:

- True:** As Suni isn't available to the project until the beginning of the second week (December 8), leveling has delayed the task by 7 elapsed days to accommodate his lack of availability.
- True:** As the Design the packaging task only possesses total slack it will assume a higher priority when leveling takes place. As a result the Create manual artwork task has been delayed by three weeks (equivalent to the duration of Design the packaging) within its free slack - thus not delaying any other succeeding task.
- False:** Write brochure copy can commence when Scott has completed his assignment on Appoint dealers and distributors, which in turn has been delayed due to a split assignment for Jon. A leveling delay of 20 elapsed days has been added to Scott's assignment on Appoint dealers and distributors to accommodate his higher priority work on Write advertising copy.
- False:** Lucy's assignment on Train the sales force is only 7 elapsed days later than the prelevelled start of the task.