

## Project 1

MIS 6360 - Agile Project Management

Group 4

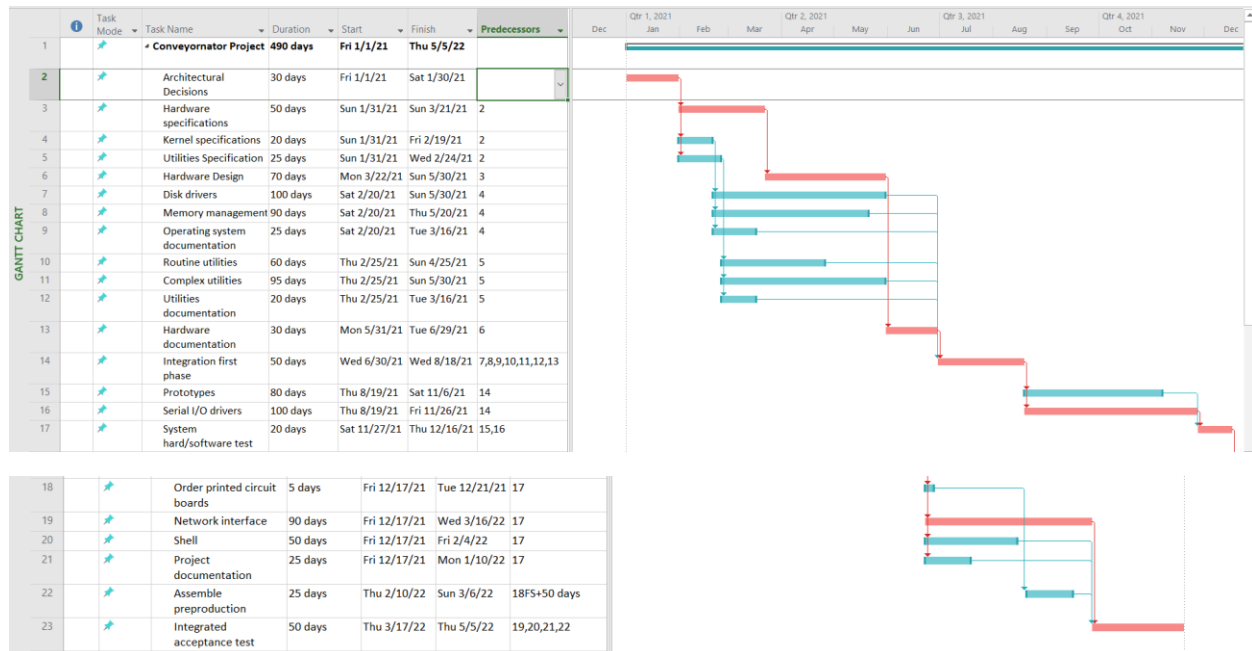
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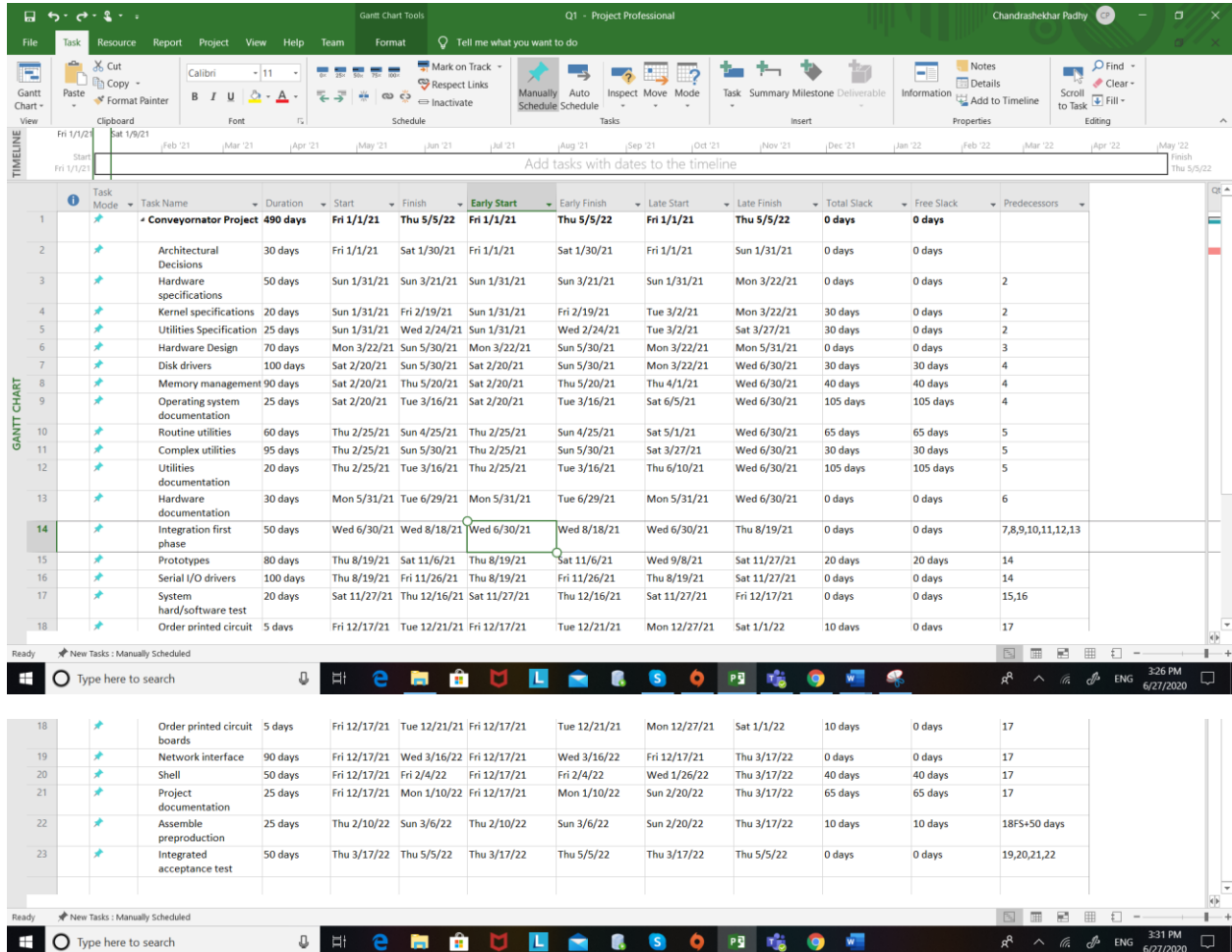
**Q1) a. Create the project described in table 1 in Microsoft Project and paste a screenshot of the bar (Gantt) chart of the project highlighting the critical path below. Please make sure all tasks are clearly labeled with their corresponding task name. Your Gantt chart should also include a summary task. DO NOT INCLUDE THE RESOURCE ASSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE THIRD COLUMN OF TABLE 1.**

Ans:



b. Include a screenshot out of ES, LS, EF, LF, total slack and free slack in table form. The screenshot provided should also include a summary task for the project.

Ans:



c. What is the scheduled finish date?

Ans: The Scheduled finish date is 5/5/2022.

Task ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Early Start	Early Finish	Late Start	Late Finish	Total Slack	Free Slack	Predecessors
1	Conveyonator Project	490 days	Fri 1/1/21	Thu 5/5/22	Fri 1/1/21	Thu 5/5/22	Fri 1/1/21	Thu 5/5/22	0 days	0 days	

d. How many days will the project take to complete?

Ans: The Project would take **490** days to complete

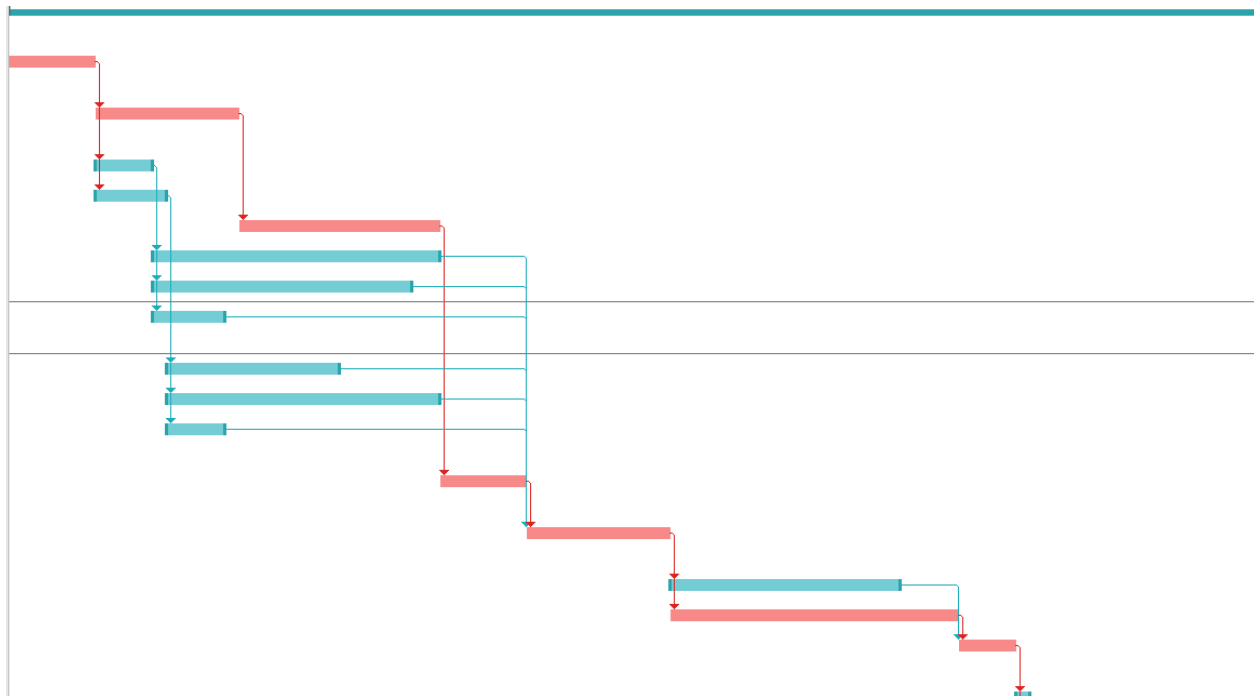
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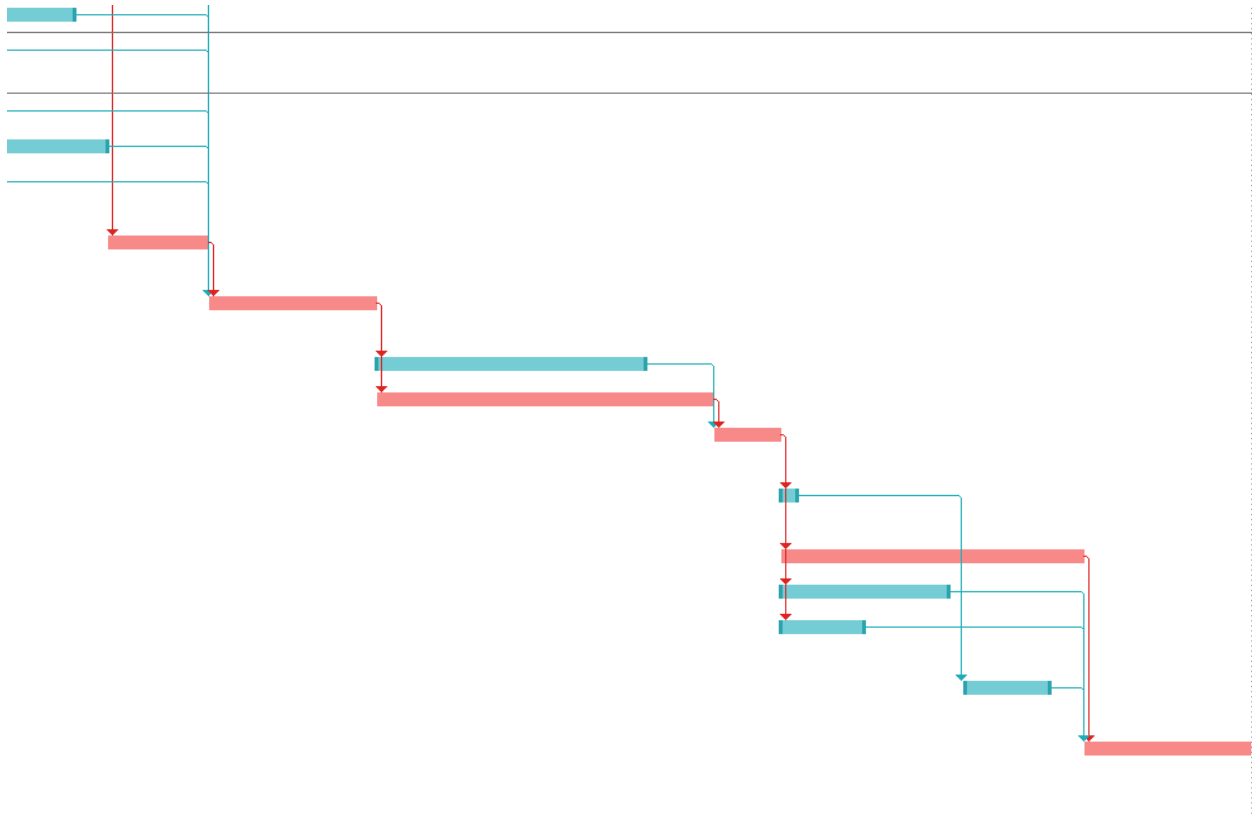
e. What percent of project activities are on the critical path

Ans: There are a total of 9 project activities on the critical path. The total percentage is calculated as follows:

$$9/22 = 40.909\%$$

**40.909%** of the project activities are on the critical path.





f. What activity has the most total slack? What activity has the most free slack? Explain the difference between free slack and total slack.

Ans: The tasks **Utility Documentation** and **Operating System Documentation** have the most free slack of 105 days.

Free slack refers to how much time a task can be delayed before a subsequent task — or the entire project itself — is likewise delayed, while Total Slack is the amount of time in a schedule that a task can be delayed before the entire project's completion date is delayed.

12	9	★	Utilities documentation	20 days	Thu 2/25/21	Tue 3/16/21	Thu 2/25/21	Tue 3/16/21	Thu 6/10/21	Wed 6/30/21	105 days	105 days	5
			Operating system documentation	25 days	Sat 2/20/21	Tue 3/16/21	Sat 2/20/21	Tue 3/16/21	Sat 6/5/21	Wed 6/30/21	105 days	105 days	4

g. What is the total slack for the project as a whole? Use the summary task to help answer this question.

Ans: The total slack for the project is **0 days**.

	Task Mode	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Early Start	Early Finish	Late Start	Late Finish	Total Slack	Free Slack	Predecessors
1	★	Conveyornator Project	490 days	Fri 1/1/21	Thu 5/5/22	Fri 1/1/21	Thu 5/5/22	Fri 1/1/21	Thu 5/5/22	0 days	0 days	

**h. Is it better to have a higher percentage of activities on the critical path or a lower percentage of activities on the critical path? Explain your answer.**

Ans: It is better to have a lower percentage of activities on the critical path as we need to finish the project within the finish date mentioned.

Less the number of activities on the critical path, better the chances of reducing the project deadline. We need to lower the count of critical activities on the critical path as moving project tasks out of the critical path would help lower the duration of the project.

**i. Please find the Attached file**

**2)**

**a. After assigning resources, what is the total cost of the project?**

Ans: The total cost of the project is **\$1,481,600.00**

Task Mode	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Early Start	Early Finish	Late Start	Late Finish	Free Slack	Total Slack	Resource Names	Cost
	Conveyornator Project	490 days	Fri 1/1/21	Thu 5/5/22	Fri 1/1/21	Thu 5/5/22	Fri 1/1/21	Thu 5/5/22	0 days	0 days		\$1,481,600.00

**b. Which, if any, of the resources are over-allocated?**

Ans: The **Design, Development and Documentation** Resources are over-allocated.

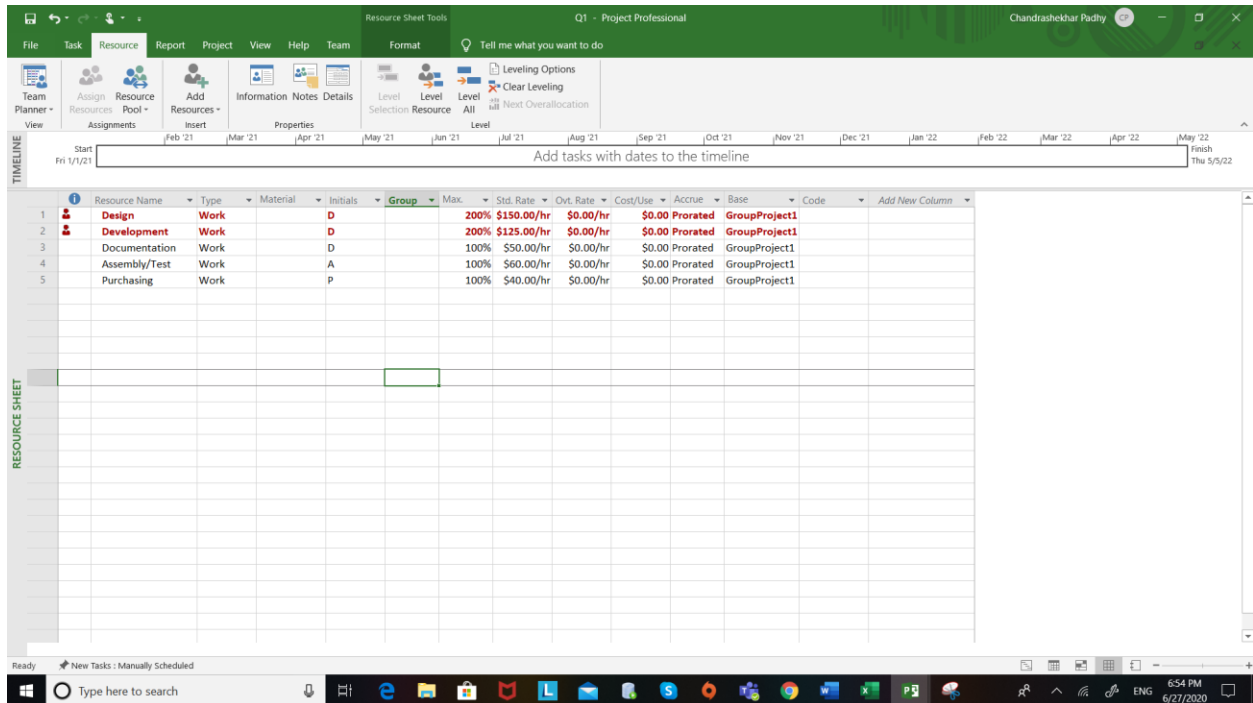
Resource Name	Type	Material	Initials	Group	Max.	Std. Rate	Ovt. Rate	Cost/Use	Accrue	Base	Code	Add New Column
Design	Work		D		200%	\$150.00/hr	\$0.00/hr	\$0.00	Prorated	GroupProject1		
Development	Work		D		200%	\$125.00/hr	\$0.00/hr	\$0.00	Prorated	GroupProject1		
Documentation	Work		D		100%	\$50.00/hr	\$0.00/hr	\$0.00	Prorated	GroupProject1		
Assembly/Test	Work		A		100%	\$60.00/hr	\$0.00/hr	\$0.00	Prorated	GroupProject1		
Purchasing	Work		P		100%	\$40.00/hr	\$0.00/hr	\$0.00	Prorated	GroupProject1		

**c. Try to resolve the over-allocation problems without extending the duration of the project using the resource leveling feature of MS Project. To level resources without extending the duration of the project, make sure the check boxes for “Level only within available slack” and “Level manually scheduled tasks” are both selected. Also, assume “Leveling can adjust individual assignments on task”, “Leveling can create splits in remaining work”, and “Level resources with the proposed booking type” are deselected. See Figure 3 for the correct leveling settings? Which, if any, of the over-allocated resources are no longer over-allocated? Which, if any, of the resources are still over-allocated?**

Ans: The **Documentation** Resource is now not over-allocated after following the steps mentioned in question 2c.

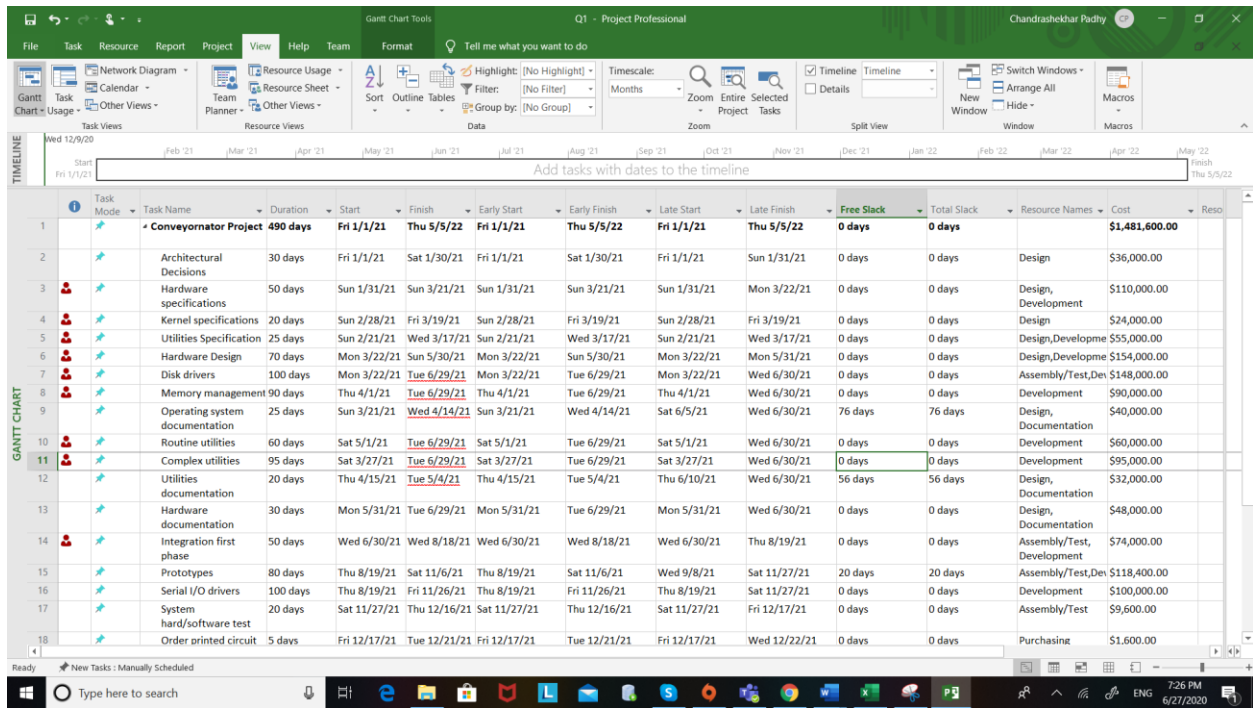
Design and Development are still over-allocated.

Shared below is the screenshot of the remaining over-allocated resources.



d. Include a Gantt chart and schedule table after leveling only within available slack. Please include a summary task and make sure all tasks are clearly labeled with their corresponding task name.

Ans:





e. What is the impact of leveling within slack on the percent of project activities on the critical path?

Ans: The result is **17/22** tasks moving to the critical path as compared to the 9/22 before.  
That results in 77.27% of activities on the critical path.

f. Assume you cannot add additional resources and the project is resource constrained. How many days will the project take after resolving all over-allocation problems? What is the scheduled finish date?

Ans: It would take a total of **650** days after resolving the over-allocation problem. The scheduled finish date is **10/12/2022**.

Task Mode	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Early Start	Early Finish	Late Start	Late Finish	Resource Names	Cost
1	Conveyornator Project	650 days	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 10/12/22	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 10/12/22	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 10/12/22		\$1,481,600.00

g. How does the schedule in 2f compare to the schedule in Question 1? Why did the number of days to complete the project in 2f increase?

Ans: The duration increases as a result of activities moving on/off from the critical path.  
Since the number of resources remained the same, the end date had to be moved and hence the number of days/duration increased.

Task Mode	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Early Start	Early Finish	Late Start	Late Finish	Resource Names	Cost
1	Conveyornator Project	650 days	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 10/12/22	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 10/12/22	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 10/12/22		\$1,481,600.00

h. What is the total cost of the project after resolving all over-allocation problems in step 2f? How does this cost compare with the cost in 2a?

Ans: The total cost of the project remains the same, ie. \$1,481,600.00

Task Mode	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Early Start	Early Finish	Late Start	Late Finish	Resource Names	Cost
1	Conveyornator Project	650 days	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 10/12/22	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 10/12/22	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 10/12/22		\$1,481,600.00

i. Please find Attached the file for question 2 i.

Q3)

- The project sponsor is not pleased with the duration of the project after resolving all resource overallocation issues and has requested that you make changes to the project to shorten it so that the project takes less than 365 days to complete. You may make any change to the project you want, but you need to clearly describe the change along the impact of the change to the project budget and schedule. You may ignore and/or change any of the assumptions listed on the first page when making your changes.

Use the table below and list the changes you would make to shorten the project. Clearly describe each change, the impact the change has on the overall project schedule, and the impact the change has on project cost.

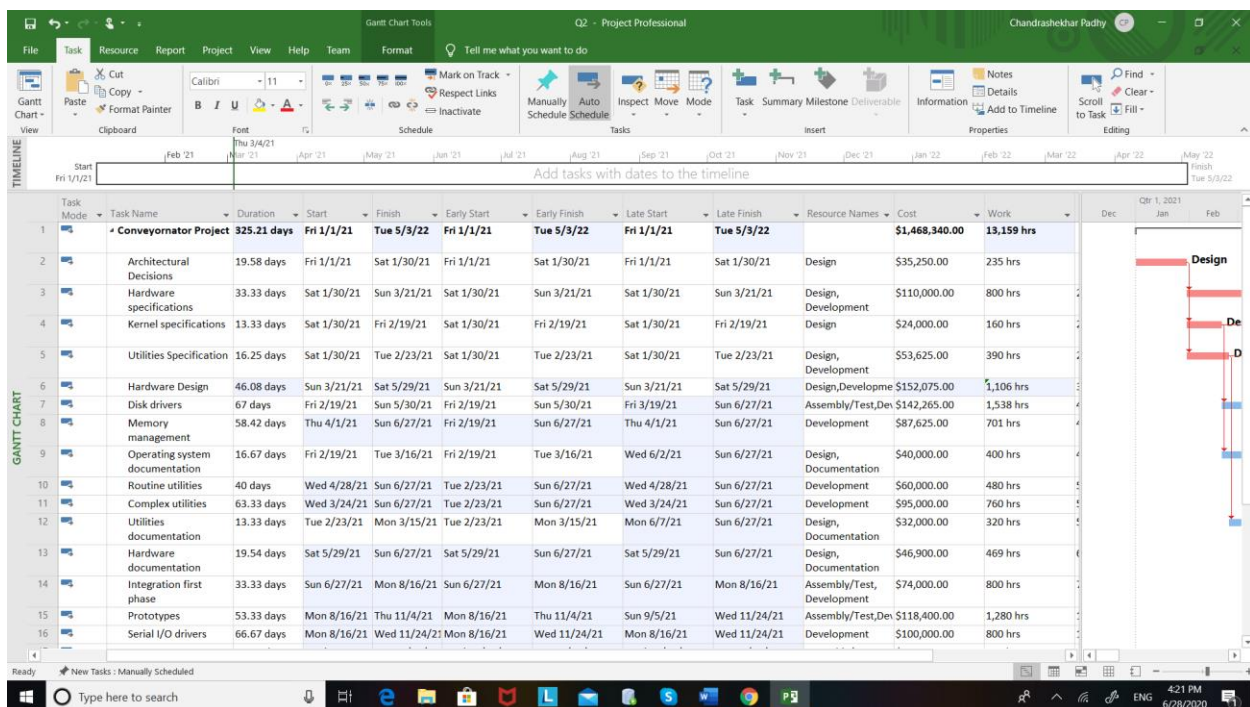


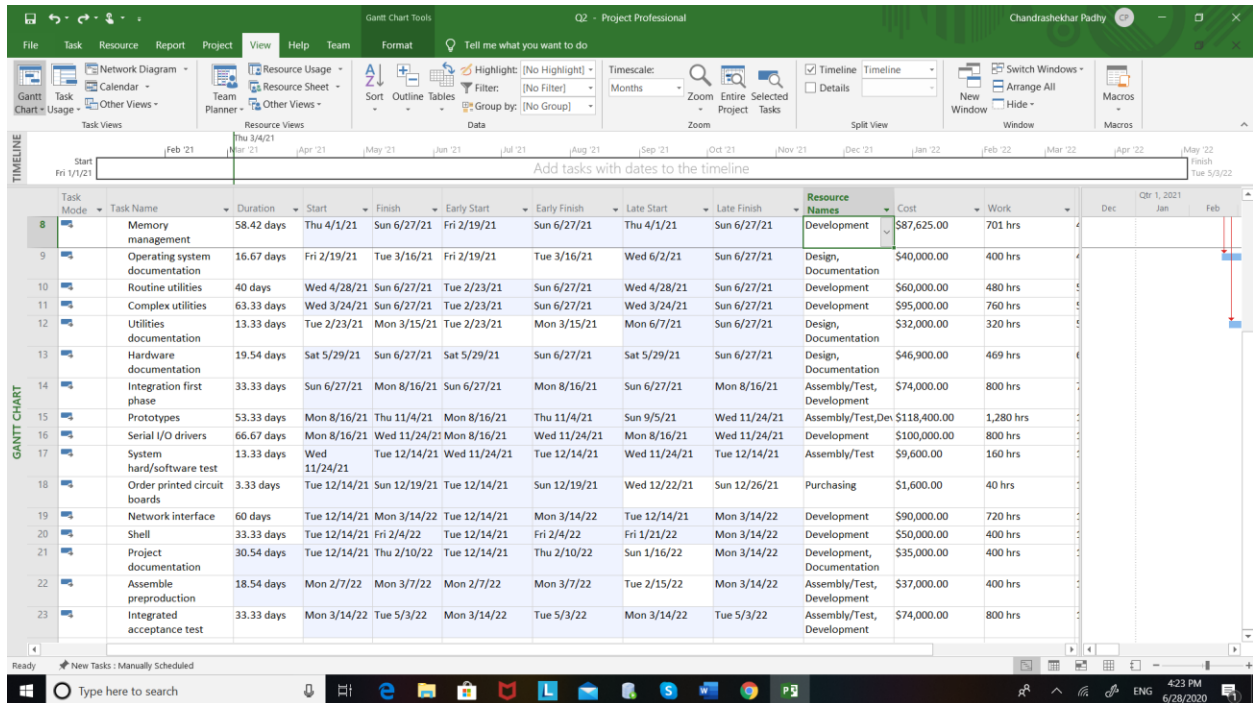
Ans:

Some of the changes are :

- 1) Increased the duration of Hours to be worked to 12 instead of 8.
- 2) Increased the work capability of resources : Design – 300%, Development – 300%, Documentation – 150%, Assembly/Test – 150%, Purchasing – 150%
- 3) Changed the work unit in hrs, to reduce the cost and thus affect the number of days to be worked.
- 4) Removed Serial I/O task and buy existing driver suite

- 1) Increased the duration of Hours to be worked to 12 instead of 8.
- Brought about a significant change in the project completion date.
  - The days changed to 325.21 days from the 650 when all the resources were levelled.
  - Resulted in saving around (650-326) 324 days



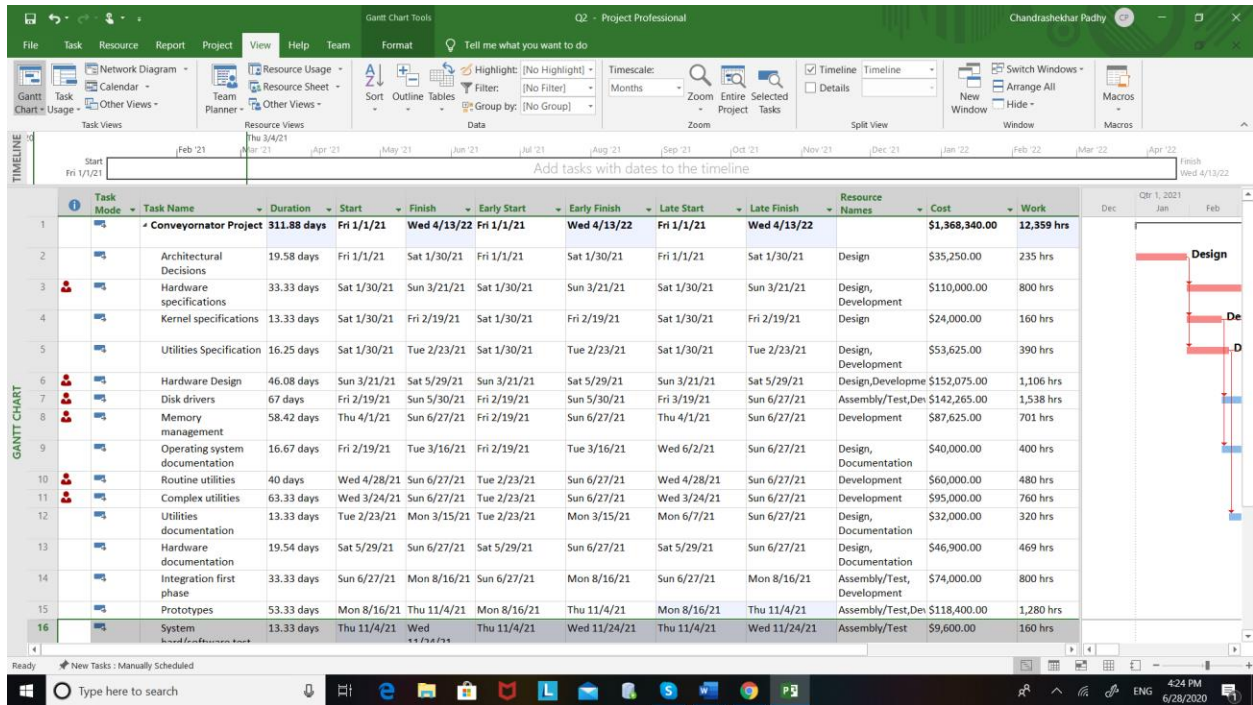


2) Increased the work capability of resources : Design – 300%, Development – 200%, Documentation – 200%, Assembly/Test – 150%, Purchasing – 150%  
 - This resulted in a total saving of around (\$1,481,600 – \$1,470,265) \$11,335  
 - Development was overallocated

3) Changed the work unit in hrs, to reduce the cost and thus affect the number of days to be worked.  
 - Manually Adjusted the unit rates to cope with the increase in hours of resources so that the cost does not go up.

4) Removed Serial I/O task and buy existing driver suite  
 - Reduced duration to 311.88 days from 325.5 days  
 - Reduced total cost by \$1,01,925 (\$1,470,265 - \$1,368,340)  
 - Work hours become a total of 12,359 hrs.

Task Mode	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Early Start	Early Finish	Late Start	Late Finish	Resource Names	Cost	Work
	Conveyornator Project	311.88 days	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 4/13/22	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 4/13/22	Fri 1/1/21	Wed 4/13/22		\$1,368,340.00	12,359 hrs



**Table for Changes 1,2 and 3 combined in one.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Proposed Change for Reducing Overall Project Duration(Changes 1, 2 and 3)</b>	<b>Impact the Change has on Project Duration (Number of days the overall project duration is decreased as a result of making the change)</b>	<b>Impact the change has on Project Cost (Does the project cost increase, decrease or stay the same as a result of making the change? Calculate and list the exact dollar amount associated with the change)</b>
1	Architectural Decisions	Changed from 30 to 19.58 days	$650 - 10.42 = 639.58$ Decreased by 10.42 days	$36,000 - 35,250 = 750$
2	Hardware specifications	Changed from 50 to 33.33 days	Decreased the overall project by 16.67 days	None
3	Kernel specifications			
4	Utilities Specification			
5	Hardware Design	Changed from 70 to 46.67 days	Decreased the overall duration by 23.33 days	$154,000 - 152,075 = 1925$
6	Disk drivers	Changed from 100 to 67 days	Decreased the overall duration by 33 days	$148000 - 142265 = \$5735$
7	Memory management			
8	Operating system documentation			
9	Routine utilities			
10	Complex utilities	Changed from 95 to 63.33 days	Decreased the overall duration by 31.67 days	Resource allocation kept the amount same
11	Utilities documentation			
12	Hardware documentation	Changed from 30 to 19.54 days	Decreased the overall duration by 10.46 days	$48,000 - 46,900 = 1100$
13	Integration first phase	Changed from 50 to 33.33 days	Decreased the overall project by 16.67 days	None
14	Prototypes	Changed from 80 to 53.33 days	Decreased the overall project by 26.67 days	118400 total cost
15	Serial I/O drivers			
16	System hard/software test	Changed from 20 to 13.33 days	Decreased the overall project by 6.7 days	None
17	Order printed circuit boards	Changed from 5 to 3.33 days	Decreased the overall project by 1.67 days	None
18	Network interface			
19	Shell			
20	Project documentation			
21	Assemble preproduction	Changed from 25 to 18.54 days	Decreased the overall project by 6.46 days	None

22	Integrated acceptance test	Changed from 50 to 33.33 days	Decreased the overall project by 16.67 days	None
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**Table for Change No. 4 – Changes 1,2,3 included and similar to the previous table.**

Duration : 311.88

Total cost : \$1,368,340

Work Hours : 12,359 hrs

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Proposed Change for Reducing Overall Project Duration(Change 4)</b>	<b>Impact the Change has on Project Duration (Number of days the overall project duration is decreased as a result of making the change)</b>	<b>Impact the change has on Project Cost (Does the project cost increase, decrease or stay the same as a result of making the change? Calculate and list the exact dollar amount associated with the change)</b>
1	Architectural Decisions	Remains Same		
2	Hardware specifications			
3	Kernel specifications			
4	Utilities Specification			
5	Hardware Design			
6	Disk drivers			
7	Memory management			
8	Operating system documentation			
9	Routine utilities			
10	Complex utilities			
11	Utilities documentation			
12	Hardware documentation			
13	Integration first phase			
14	Prototypes			
15	Serial I/O drivers	Removed	Removed	Removed
16	System hard/software test			
17	Order printed circuit boards			
18	Network interface			
19	Shell			
20	Project documentation			
21	Assemble preproduction			
22	Integrated acceptance test			

**b. What is the finish date of your revised project?**

Ans: The revised date is **4/13/2022**.

**c. What is the cost of your revised project? How does this cost compare to the cost in question 2?**

Ans: The cost of the revised project is \$1,368,340.00 which is (\$1,481,600.00 – \$1,368,340.00) **\$1,13,260** less than the amount in question 2.

**d. Please find attached the required file for question 3d.**