

that date. In Figure 2-8, the constraint *Finish No Later Than* August 31, 1998 has been placed on the task Touch Up and Clear Out. The task is scheduled to finish on August 14, 1998.

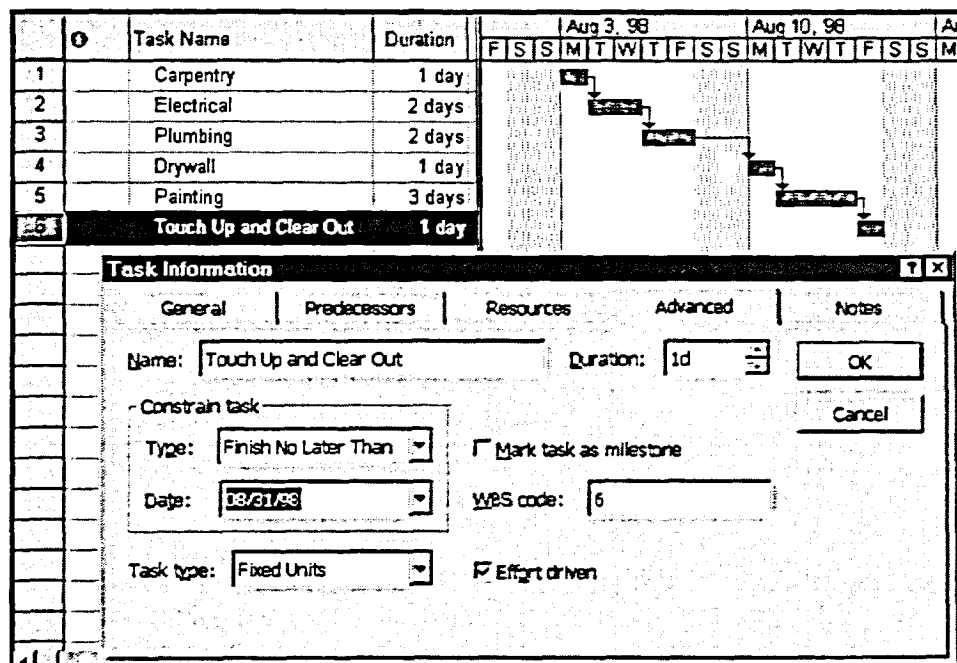


Figure 2-8: Using the Finish No Later Than Constraint

Inflexible constraints can effect Microsoft Project's recalculating abilities. For example, if the constraint *Must Finish On* August 31, 1998 is applied to the Touch Up and Clear Out task, the scheduled finish date would change to August 31, 1998. This would cause a gap between the tasks Painting and Touch Up and Clear Out, as shown in Figure 2-9. Great care must be taken when assigning constraints to avoid causing conflicts between tasks or unnecessary gaps between tasks. In addition, any changes made to the schedule would require manual recalculation of all task constraints.