

Modifying Task Dependencies

Task dependencies is one of the variables that you can manipulate when trying to shorten the finish date of a project. Rather than having one task finish before another can start, it might be feasible to have both tasks start at the same time, as shown in Figure 2-5, or end at the same time. It might also be possible to have one task start before the predecessor task is finished. This is much more indicative of everyday life. For example, while one person completes Chapter 1 and progresses to Chapter 2, another person might be editing Chapter 1 at the same time.

Summary Task Information

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Name: Editing Phase Duration: 18d

Predecessors:

ID	Task Name	Type	Lag
2	Writing Phase	Start-to-Start (SS)	0d
		Finish-to-Start (FS)	
		Start-to-Start (SS)	
		Finish-to-Finish (FF)	
		Start-to-Finish (SF)	
		(None)	

OK Cancel

Figure 2-5: Changing the Dependency Type

Method

To modify a task dependency

1. In the Task Name column, double-click the task whose predecessor you want to change.
2. In the Task Information dialog box, select the Predecessors tab.
3. On the Predecessor page, in the Predecessors area, in the Type column, from the Type field drop-down list, select a dependency.
4. Choose OK.