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Guidance on Project Schedule Model Evaluation

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Terminology

The terminology referred to within this guidance note is the standard terminology defined by the Project Management Institute (PMI) for project planning and scheduling.

Schedule Method – The framework utilised for the development of the model – the Network Rail standard is to use the critical path methodology (CPM).

Schedule Tool – The software application that contains the components and rules utilised to develop and apply the project specific information. The standard Network Rail applications are:

- Oracle Projects
- Microsoft Project
- Primavera

Schedule Model – The inclusion of the project specific information, activities, resources, durations into the scheduling tool establishes a model or road map of the project. The model can be utilised by the project teams to generate and evaluate alternate solutions and compare changes.

Project Schedule/s – The outputs generated from the schedule model depicting activities, dates, times etc. These can be in form of simple activity lists into complex gantt chart representations.