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You can customize task bars so that they have different colours for special purposes (e.g. to distinguish between different resources, departments, contracts, etc,).

From the Gantt view, assuming a resource called Harry, right click the **Resource Names** heading to highlight it, select **Insert Column…** from the context menu.

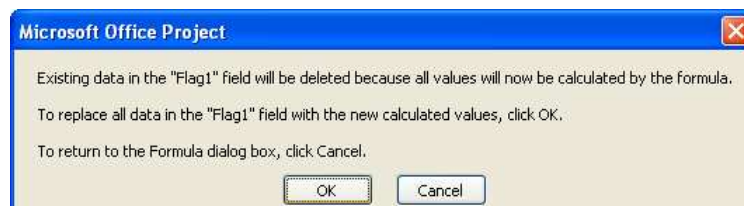For the **Field name:** select **Flag1** and in the **Title:** field type **Harry** and pick **OK**.

Right click the new Harry column heading, select **Customize Fields…**, pick the **Formula…** button. Enter the following formula:

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IIf ([Resource Names]="Harry",Yes,No)
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Pick **OK**

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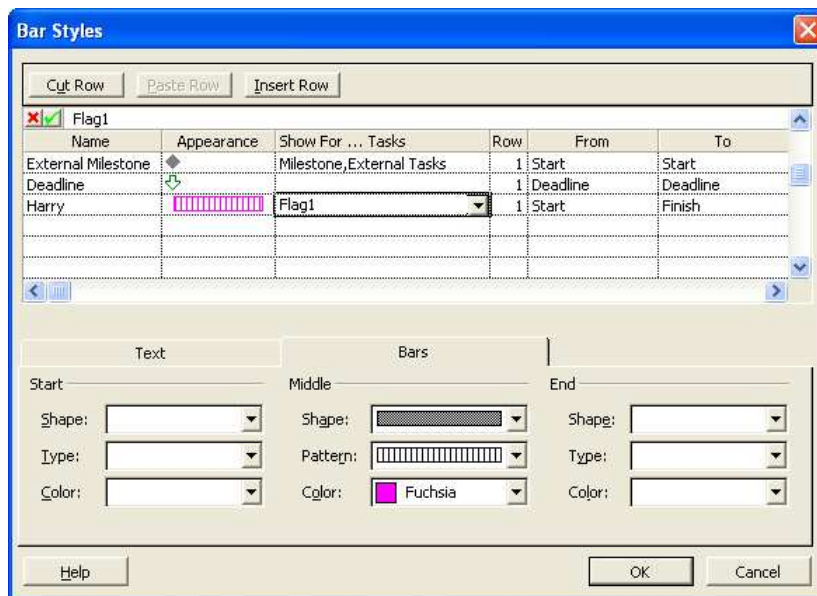Then **OK** the Customise Fields dialog box.

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You should now see a Yes for all tasks assigned to Harry.

From the Gantt view select **Bar Styles…** from the **Format** menu.
Copy of the Task bar as follows; Highlight the Task row, select **Cut Row** then **Paste Row** (to put it back again) scroll to the bottom and in the next blank space **Paste Row** again. Change the task name to Harry, then change its colour / pattern / end shapes as required. Click in the **Show For…Tasks** cell, pick the drop-down arrow and select **Flag1**.

Pick OK then OK. All bars for Harry will now show the selected appearance.

To hide the Harry column in the Gantt view, just right click the header and select **Hide Column**.

As there are 20 Flag fields, this procedure can be repeated for up to 20 different selections.

If you have multiple resources for a given task you will need to use VBA!