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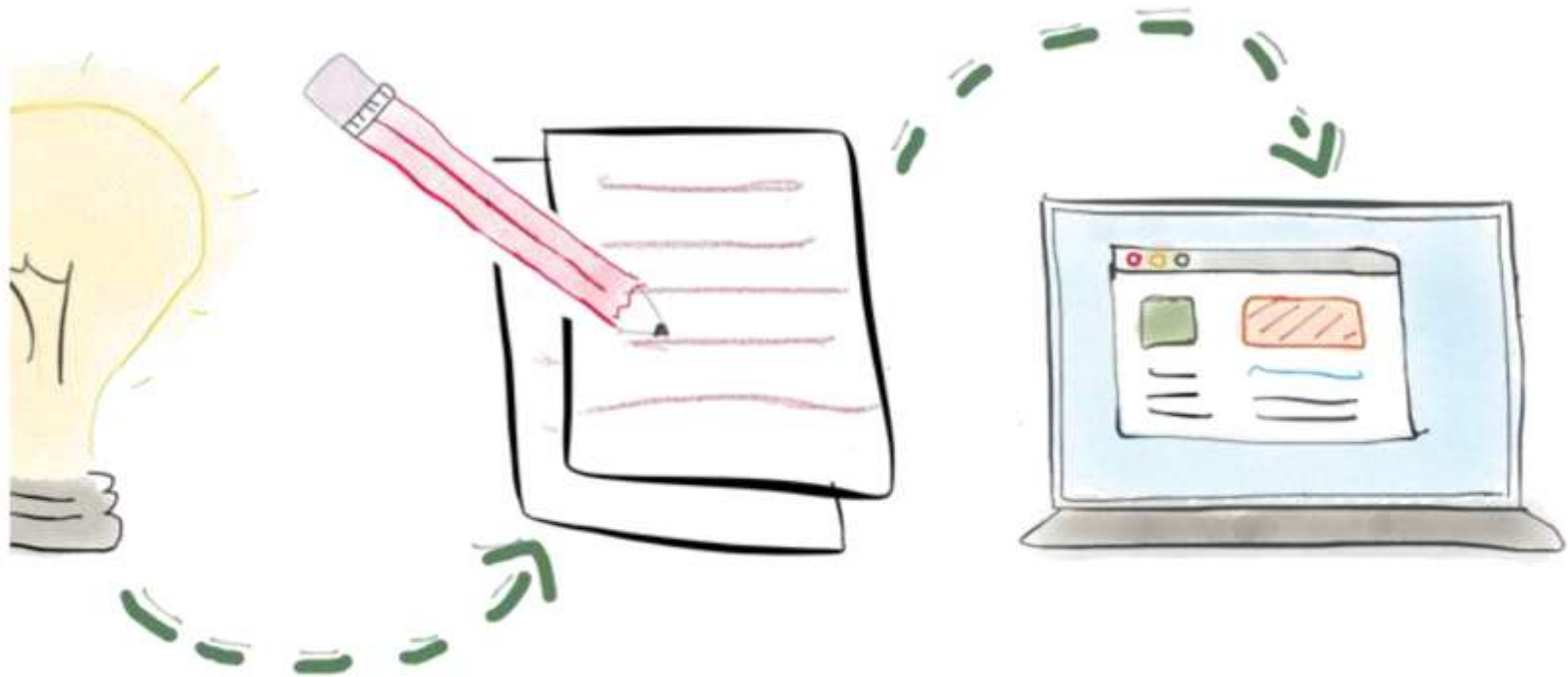
Introduction to PM

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1. About me
2. About you
3. What experience do you have of PM
  1. Formal process
  2. Experiential
4. What is a “win” for you?
5. What are your PM Challenges?

# Introductions



Decide on a new project

Is there a project you have had in mind for some time?  
As we work through the material, have this project in mind and we will use it to develop your PM capabilities



How the funder explained it



External partners understanding



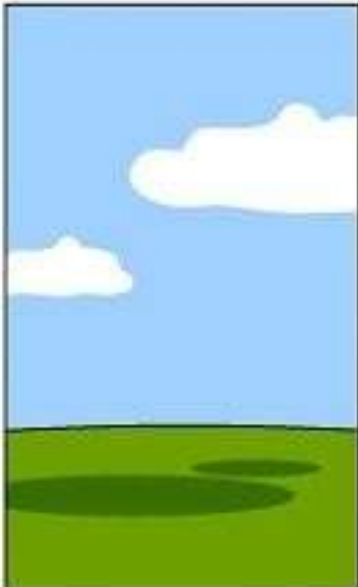
Project team's understanding



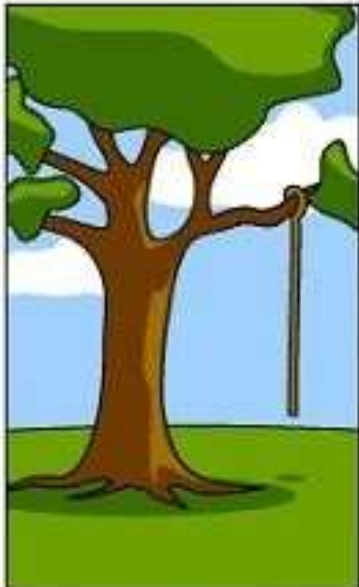
Admin Depts perception



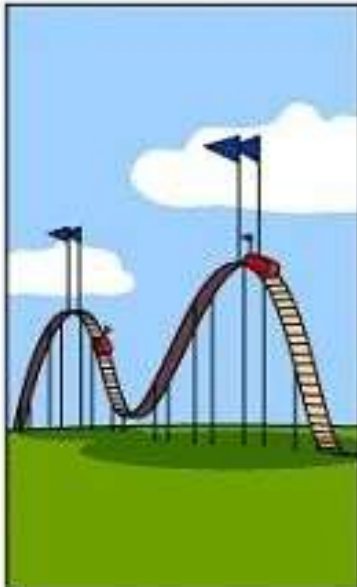
How HoS/HoD described it



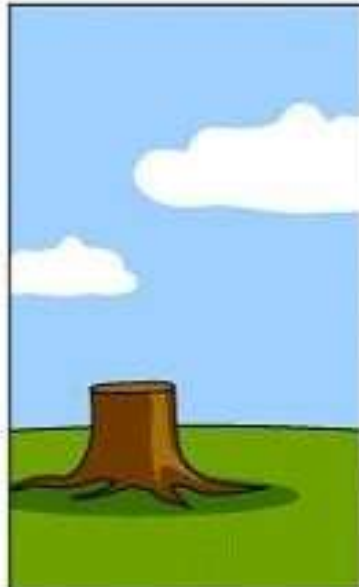
How it was documented



What was delivered



How College described it



Perception from other Schools



What the funder really needed



# PROJECT MANAGEMENT



Why use PM  
at all?

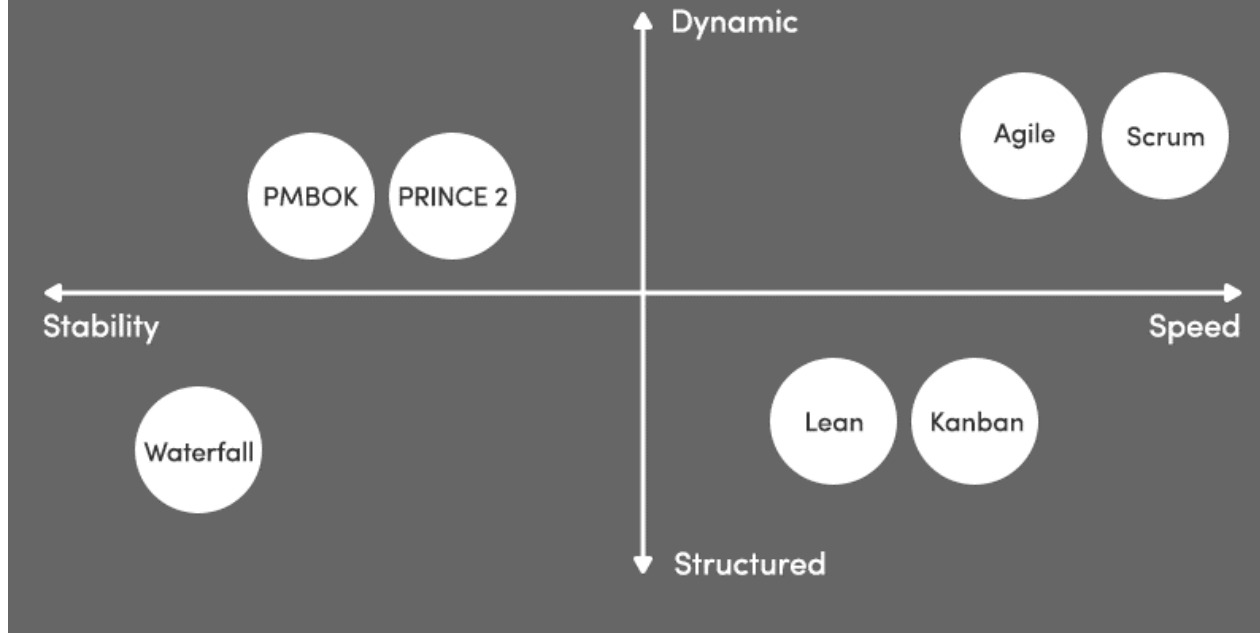
- Reduce risk, cuts costs, improves success rates
- Creates strategic value chain (competitive advantage)
- Measurable results (you can only manage what's measured, metrics and standardisation)
- Sponsorship means executive buy in and support
- Build a body of PM capabilities and expertise

# What is a project?

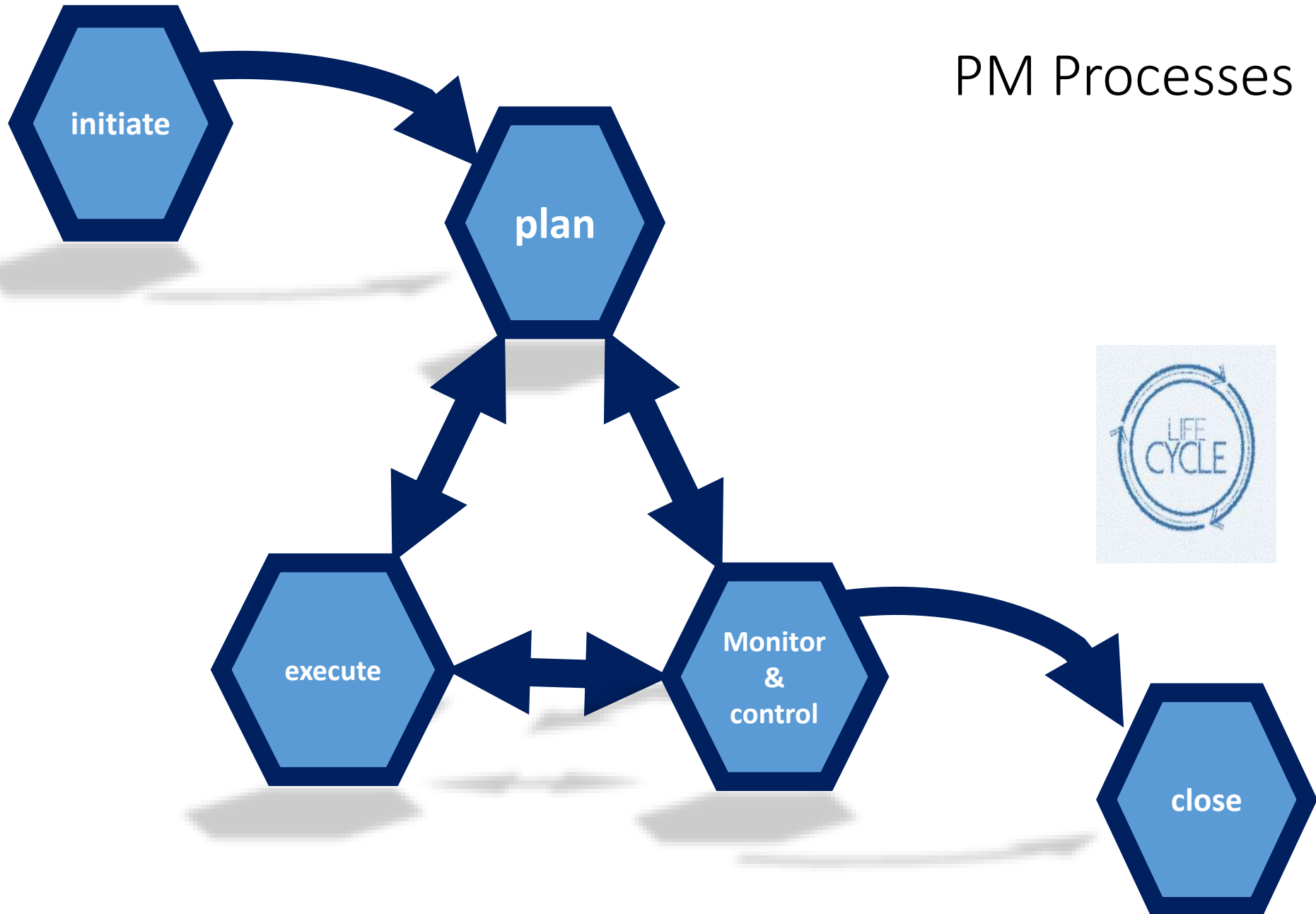
- A project is **temporary** in that it has a defined beginning and end in time, and therefore defined scope and resources.
  - And a project is **unique** in that it is not a routine operation, but a specific set of operations designed to accomplish a singular goal.
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- Cross functional
  - Has inherent uncertainty
  - Drives business value creation
  - Drives change



# Project management methodologies



# PM Processes









# PM Knowledge Areas

## Core Knowledge areas

- Scope 
- Schedule (time) 
- Budget (Cost) 
- Quality 

## Facilitation knowledge areas

- Procurement 
- (Human) Resources 
- Communications 
- Risk management 

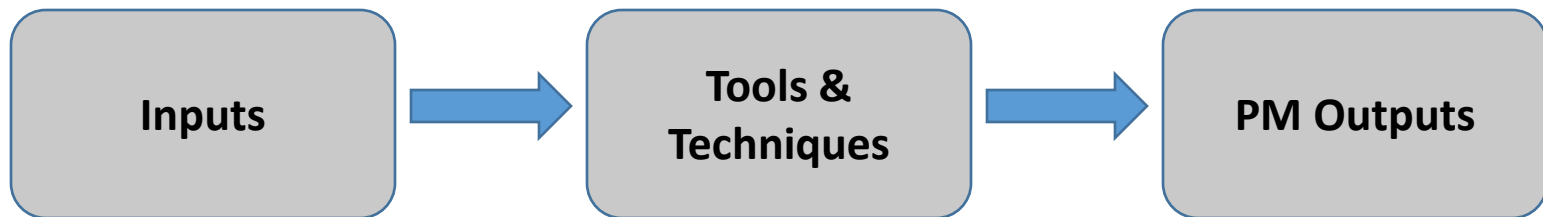
## Coordination knowledge areas

- Integration 
- Stakeholder management 

Project Management Process Groups and Knowledge Areas Mapping - PMBOK 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

	Integration	Scope	Time	Cost	Quality	Human Resources	Communications	Risk	Procurement	Stakeholder
 Initiating	 Develop Project Charter									 Identify Stakeholders
 Planning	 Develop Project Management Plan	 Define Scope	 Schedule Activities	 Estimate Resources	 Develop Costs	 Plan Quality Management	 Plan Resource Management	 Plan Communications Management	 Plan Risk Management	 Plan Procurement Management
 Executing	 Direct and Manage Project Execution	 Develop Scope	 Create WBS	 Sequence Activities	 Determine Resource Requirements	 Estimate Activity Resources	 Acquire Resources	 Manage Communications	 Implement Risk Responses	 Manage Procurement
 Monitoring & Controlling	 Monitor and Control Project Work	 Perform Integrated Change Control	 Verify Scope	 Control Scope	 Control Costs	 Perform Quality Control	 Manage Communications	 Monitor Risks	 Control Procurement	 Control Stakeholder Engagement
 Closing	 Close Project or Phase								 Close Procurement	

# PMBOK® Flow



The unique aspect of PMP is that it defines carefully “how” to achieve Project outputs

# How it works

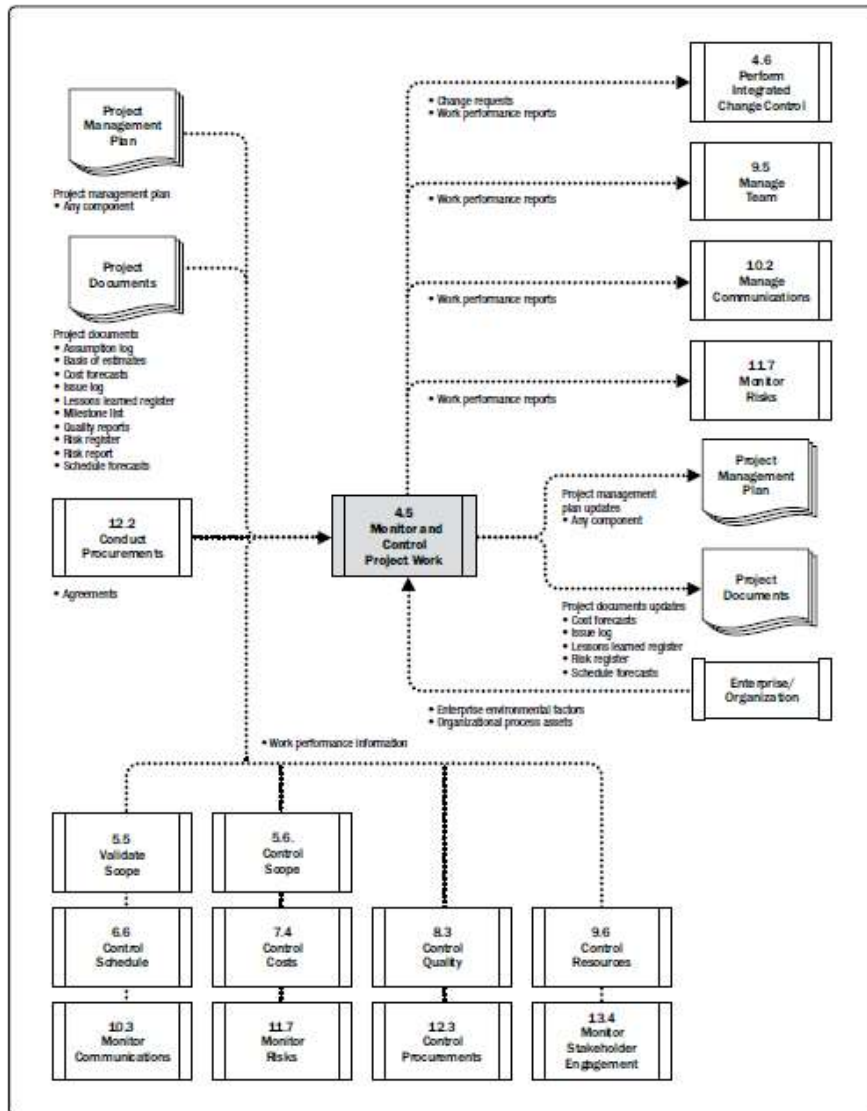


Figure 4-11. Monitor and Control Project Work: Data Flow Diagram

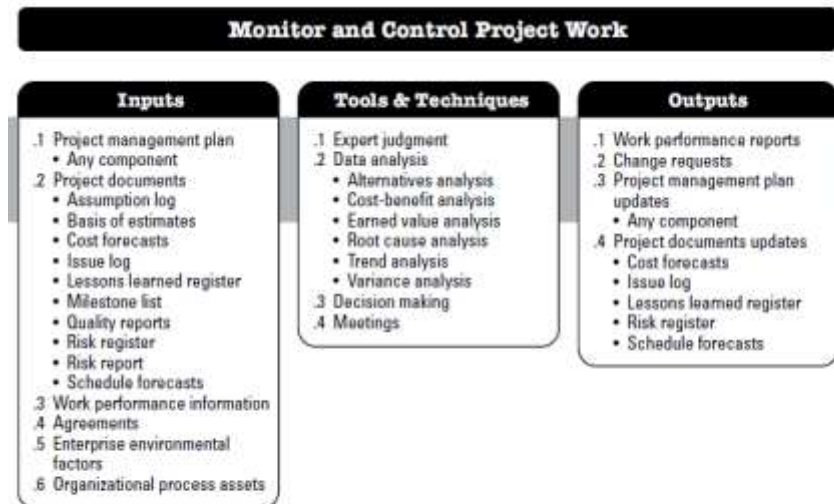


Figure 4-10. Monitor and Control Project Work: Inputs, Tools & Techniques, and Outputs



# Project Initiation Phase

Why?

- Purpose is to make a decision – will we do this project?
- Need real information about timescales, costs, risks etc.
- Sales pitch to gain sponsorship
- The end of the initiation phase is when a decision is made to proceed

# What information do we need?

- What is the justification (business case) for this project?
- What is the timescale? (and was it set arbitrarily?)
- What are the technical skills required? (and do we have them?)
- What are the expected deliverables?
  
- Two outputs
  - Project Charter
  - Stakeholder register

Creativity is hugely important at this stage!

# PM has a lot of documentation

Determine Budget	Risk Register Activity Cost Estimates Project Schedule
Control Costs	Cost Estimates Basis of Estimates
Plan Quality Management	Stakeholder Register Responsibility Assignment Matrix WBS WBS Dictionary
Perform Quality Assurance	Quality Audit Reports Training Plans Process Documentation
Control Quality	Quality Standards Agreements Quality Audit Reports and Change Logs Training Plans Process Documentation
Manage Project Team	Issue Log Roles Description Project Staff Assignments
Plan Communications Management	Project Schedule Stakeholder Register

Manage Communications	Issue Log Project Schedule Project Funding Requirements
Control Communications	Forecasts Performance Reports Issue Log
Perform Qualitative Risk Analysis	Risk Register Assumptions Log
Perform Quantitative Risk Analysis	Risk Register
Plan Risk Responses	Risk Register Assumptions Log Technical Documentation Change Requests
Control Risks	Risk Register
Plan Procurement Management	Requirements Documentation Requirements Traceability Matrix Risk Register
Conduct Procurements	Requirements Documentation Requirements Traceability Matrix Risk Register Stakeholder Register

Process	Project documents may include, but are not limited to
Direct and Manage Project Work	Requirements Documentation Issue Log, Assumptions Log Risk Register Stakeholder Register
Monitor and Control Project Work	Schedule and Cost Forecasts Work Performance Reports (also given as an output explicitly) Issue Log
Perform Integrated Change Control	"all documents specified as being subject to the project's formal change control process."
Define Scope	Stakeholder Register Requirements Documentation Requirements Traceability Matrix
Create WBS	Requirements Documentation
Validate Scope	"documents that define the product or report status on product completion"
Control Scope	Requirements Documentation Requirements Traceability Matrix

Sequence Activities	Activity Lists Activity Attributes Milestone List Risk Register
Estimate Activity Resources	Activity Lists Activity Attributes Resource Calendars
Estimate Activity Durations	Activity Attributes "Assumptions made in developing the activity duration estimate, such as skills levels and availability, as well as a basis of estimates for duration"
Develop Schedule	Activity Resource Requirements Activity Attributes Calendars Risk Register
Control Schedule	Schedule Data Project Schedule Risk Register
Estimate Costs	Risk Register



# Initiating project

Project charter							
Project name	Date	Primary focus	Measurable targets				
			1	2	3	4	5
Business case	Milestones		date				
	1. 2. 3. 4.		1	2	3	4	5
	assumptions	constraints	Risk planning				
	Financial case		investment				

# MILESTONE

We've initiated our project and made a decision that we are going to proceed!



Milestones **are used to mark specific points along a** project timeline. They are anchors (e.g. start date), decision points (go/no go) or reporting points. They have no duration

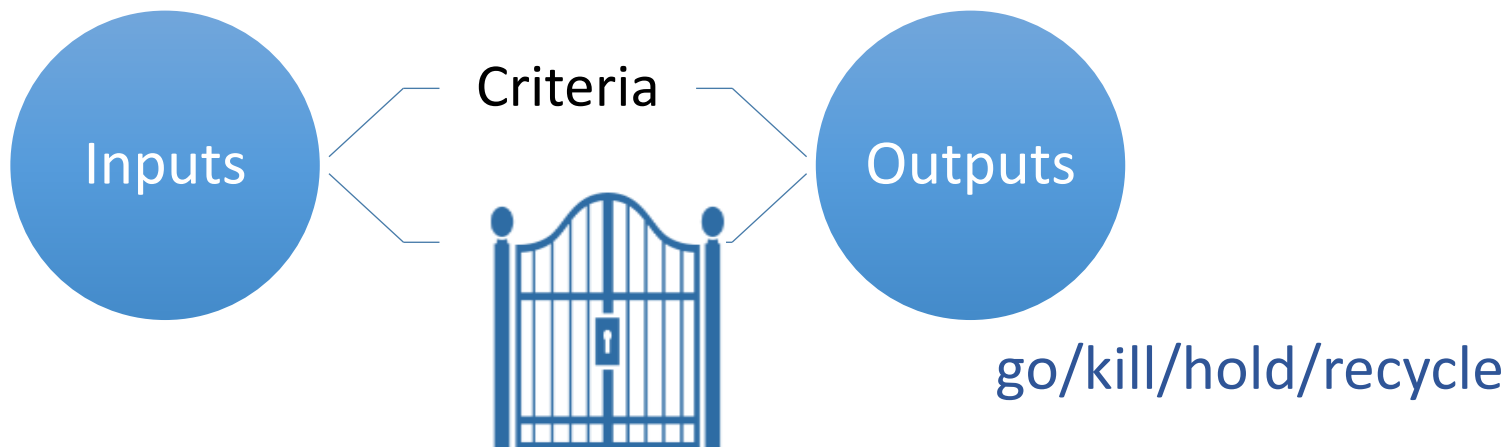
# Stage gates



# A quick note on stage gates

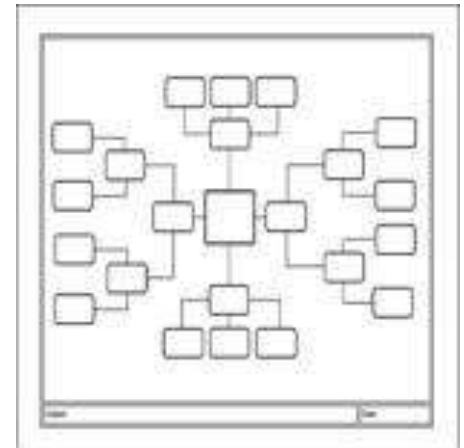
Gates are decision points

1. Quality of execution: Checks whether the previous step is executed in a quality fashion.
2. Business rationale: Does the project continue to look like an attractive idea from an economic and business perspective.
3. Action plan: The proposed action plan and the requested resources reasonable and sound.



# Stakeholders

- Anyone with any impact positive or negative on the project
  - Use a mind map
  - Aim for 3 levels
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- Neglect Adverse and Sleeping Tigers (forgotten stakeholders) at your peril
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- Analyse and Categorise stakeholders
  - Produce a stakeholder register



# Mendelow Matrix





# Stakeholder requirements

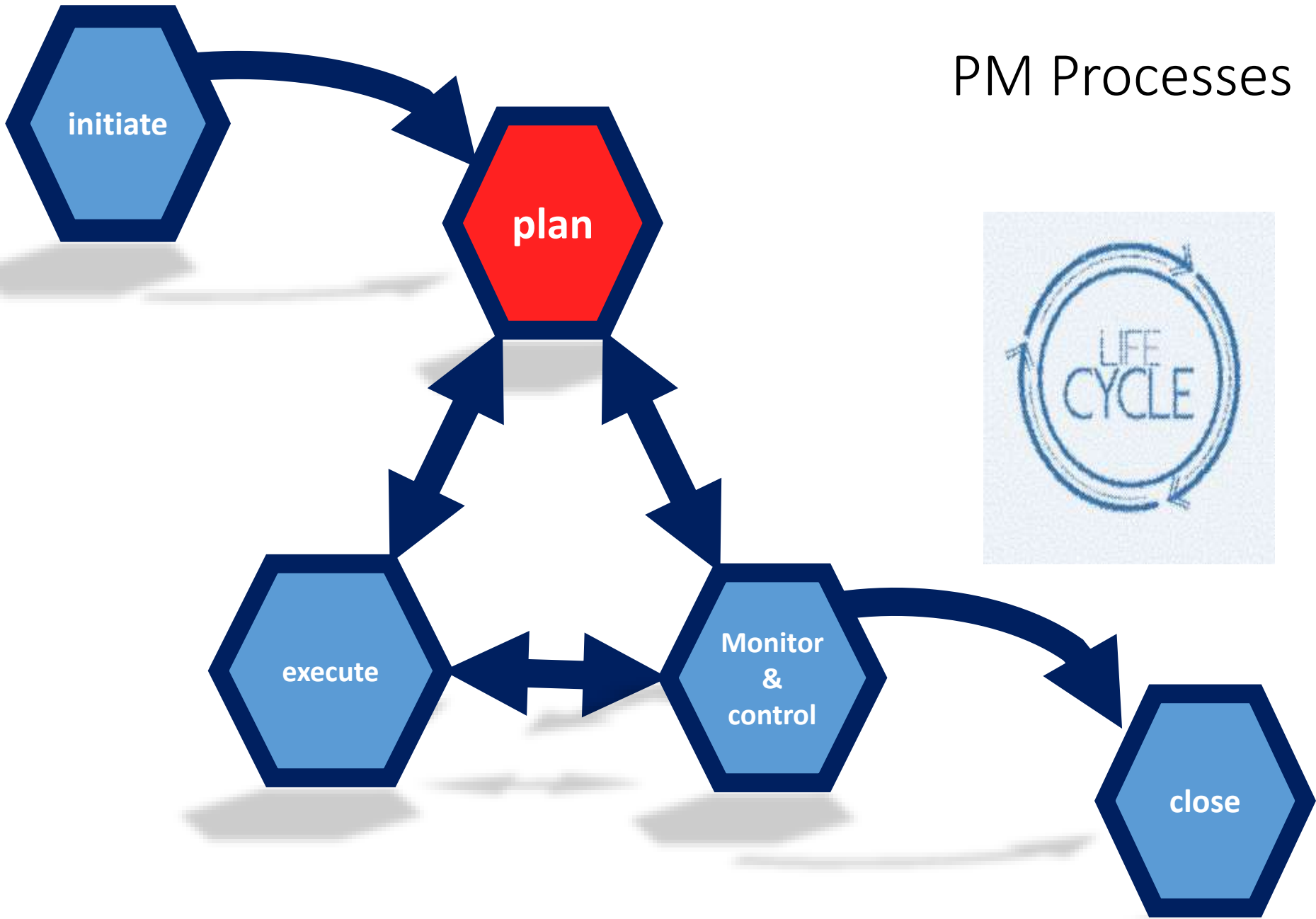
- Requires careful listening (and then more listening)
- Often stakeholders have fuzzy (or no) idea what they want
- Beware of unreasonable expectations – must manage carefully
- Find areas of convergence between different stakeholders and try to align areas of divergence
- <more on this when we talk about communication>

## Definitions

- **Scope:** the sum of products and services to be provided as a project (i.e. what the project team are going to do and have a budget and time scale for)
- **Objectives:** the actual deliverables

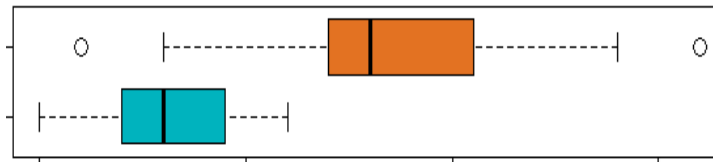


# PM Processes



# Planning and Design

- More formal and detailed planning processes
- Determines
  - work that needs to be done
  - Estimates duration, resources, costs and risks
  - Sequence the tasks
  - Creates project schedule (Gantt chart)
- Outputs: Project Plan (and subsidiary plans) WBS, Critical Path, Gantt Chart
- Iterative process
- Very complicated for all but trivial projects– tackle one thing at a time



# Elements of a PM plan

- Executive Summary: A short description of the contents of the report
- Project Scope & Deliverables:
  - Project Schedule
  - Project Resources
  - Project Quality Criteria
  - Project team
  - Stakeholders
  - Procurement
  - Risk and Issue Management Plan
  - Communication Management Plan
  - Integration Management
- Basically, a project plan should tell stakeholders what needs to get done, how it will get done, and when it will get done

# Project Management Plan

The plan is the master document that directs the project

Consists of a number of subsidiary plans that detail specific pm areas

Most contain specifics (contrast charter)

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

1.	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.....
2.	PROJECT MANAGEMENT APPROACH AND GOVERNANCE.....
2.1	PROJECT SCOPE.....
2.2	DELIVERABLES .....
2.3	WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE (WBS) .....
2.4	STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS.....
2.5	SCHEDULE BASELINE.....
2.6	MILESTONE LIST.....
2.7	CHANGE MANAGEMENT PLAN .....
2.8	PROJECT SCOPE MANAGEMENT PLAN.....
3.	COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT PLAN .....
4.	RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN .....
5.	HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN.....
5.1	PROJECT STAFF LIST .....
5.2	RESOURCE REQUIREMENT CALENDAR .....
6.	SCHEDULE MANAGEMENT PLAN.....
7.	QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN .....
8.	RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN.....
8.1	RISK LOG .....
9.	COST BASELINE.....
10.	QUALITY BASELINE.....
11.	APPENDICES .....
12.	AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES .....



# Scope statement (project statement of work)



- What **IS** covered by the project scope

Then

- What **IS NOT** covered by the project scope

Important as it helps root out unreasonable expectations

Should include **JUST ENOUGH** data (i.e. must be readable)

# Typical Scope statement

## Scope Statement

Project Name		Date	
Project Number		Project Manager	

Business Need / Project Objectives

Project Description and How it Meets the Business Need

Project Benefits
1.
2.
3.

- objectives
- **project scope**
- product scope
- requirements
- boundaries
- **deliverables**
- acceptance criteria
- **constraints**
- **assumptions**
- milestones
- cost estimation
- specifications
- configuration management requirements
- approval requirements
- etc.

# Scope creep

## Definition

“**Scope creep:** Adding additional features or functions of a new product, requirements, or work that is not authorized (i.e., beyond the agreed-upon scope).”



The constraint triangle  
= The triple constraint  
= The PM'ers triangle = Iron triangle

Alternatively....



Is the triangle actually a diamond?



Or even an extended model



## Communication in PM

### Developing your Communication Management Plan (PMP)

Need expertise in...

- Communication basics
- Active listening
- Feedback
- Difficult conversations
- Planning
- External engagement





# Communication Management Plan Main Contents 1/2

- Stakeholder communication requirements
- Information to be communicated
- Reason for distributing the information
- Time frame and frequency
- Responsible person/party to prepare and/or communicate
- Responsible person/party for authorizing release of confidential information

# Communication Management Plan Main Contents 2/2

- Persons who will receive the information (distribute to)
- Communication method, type and technology
- Allocated resources to perform communication, time and budget
- Escalation process
- Updating & refining the communications management plan
- Glossary of common terminology
- Project information flowcharts
- Communication constraints

## Plan Communications Management

### Inputs

- .1 Project charter
- .2 Project management plan
  - Resource management plan
  - Stakeholder engagement plan
- .3 Project documents
  - Requirements documentation
  - Stakeholder register
- .4 Enterprise environmental factors
- .5 Organizational process assets

### Tools & Techniques

- .1 Expert judgment
- .2 Communication requirements analysis
- .3 Communication technology
- .4 Communication models
- .5 Communication methods
- .6 Interpersonal and team skills
  - Communication styles assessment
  - Political awareness
  - Cultural awareness
- .7 Data representation
  - Stakeholder engagement assessment matrix
- .8 Meetings

### Outputs

- .1 Communications management plan
- .2 Project management plan updates
  - Stakeholder engagement plan
- .3 Project documents updates
  - Project schedule
  - Stakeholder register

Figure 10-2. Plan Communications Management: Inputs, Tools & Techniques, and Outputs

# COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Prepared: \_\_\_\_\_

Message	Audience	Method	Frequency	Sender

Term or Acronym	Definition

Communication Constraints or Assumptions:

Attach relevant communication diagrams or flowcharts.

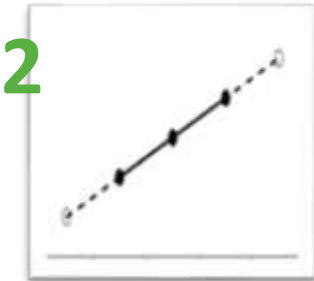
Estimating



# Methods to estimate resource needs

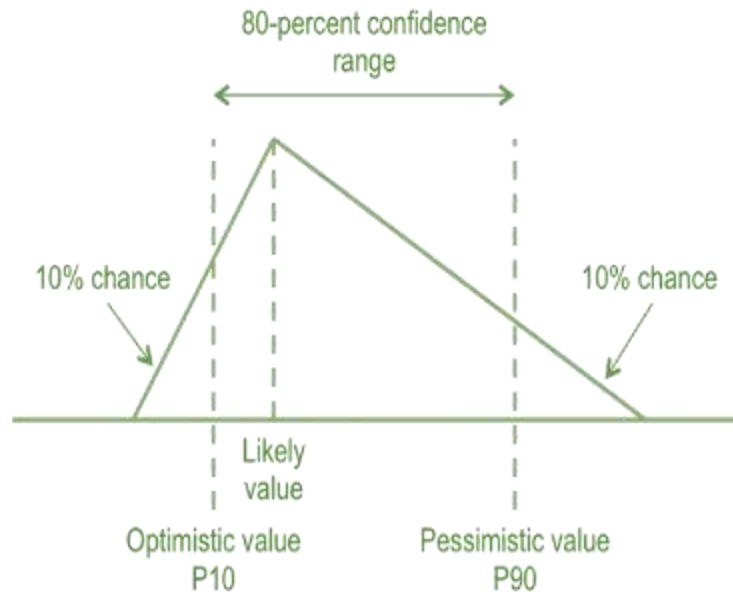
- **Expert judgment**
  - Interpolation
  - Extrapolation
  - Related projects
  - 3 point estimating (beta pert estimate)
- **Alternative analysis**
- **Published estimating data**
- **Project management software** (Microsoft Project).
- **Bottom-up estimating**
- How do we estimate resources in academic research?

# Project Estimating



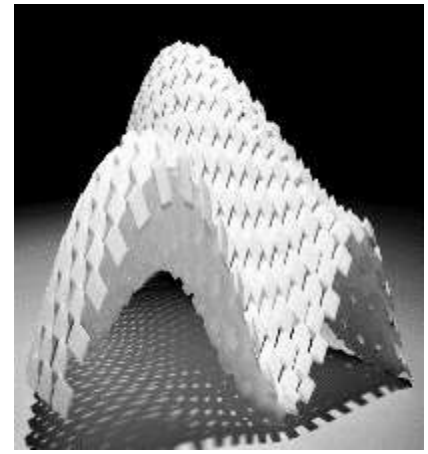
$$E = \frac{a + 4m + b}{6}$$

$$SD = \frac{b-a}{6}$$



# Other estimating ideas

- Assume 80% productivity
- Bottom up – start at detailed task level and sum all times, accurate but time consuming
- Top down – start with an overall timeline using experience as guide
- Parametric estimates





# Be aware of bias

- Plassmann (neuroscientist)

- Subject evaluations

But also

Brain imaging

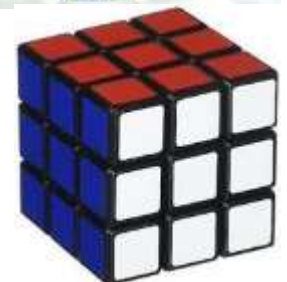


- Shiv ( Behavioural Economist)

- Energy Drink

Subjective evaluations

But also mental acuity performance



# Why schedule projects?

- They provide a basis for you to monitor and control project activities.
- They help you determine how best to allocate resources so you can achieve the project goal.
- They help you assess how time delays will impact the project.
- You can figure out where excess resources are available to allocate to other projects.
- They provide a basis to help you track project progress.



# Purpose of schedules

- Provide a basis for you to monitor and control project activities.
- Determine how best to allocate resources so you can achieve the project goal.
- Assess how time delays will impact the project.
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- Provide a basis to help you track project progress.



# To-do list

To be completed by: Name  
 Deadline: Date

Done	Project 1	Due By	Notes
✓	Planning	4/15/04	<p>You can use this to-do list to help you keep track of tasks that you need to complete.</p> <p>Enter your own project names, tasks, and notes to personalize the checklist for the things you need to get done.</p> <p>Then you can either print the list and check off each item as you complete it, or you can type the letter <b>a</b> in the <b>Done?</b> column to make a check mark appear.</p> <p>If you continue to work with this to-do list on your computer, you can use the <b>AutoFilter</b> feature of Excel to quickly identify the tasks that you have done or that you still need to complete. In the <b>Done?</b> column, click on the arrow to view filtered lists.</p> <p><b>To see filtered lists:</b>            To see a list of items that are not completed and still need to be checked off, select <b>(Blanks)</b> in the drop-down menu.</p> <p>To see a list of items that are checked off, select <b>a</b> in the drop-down menu.</p> <p>To see all the tasks again, select <b>(All)</b> in the drop-down menu.</p> <p>When you're finished using these instructions, delete this text box by selecting it and pressing DELETE.</p>
✓	Preparation	4/18/04	
✓	Task a	4/18/04	
	Task b		
	Task c		
	Task d		
	Paperwork		
	Hand-off		
	Follow-up		

Done?	Project 2	Due By	Notes
	Planning		<p>If you continue to work with this to-do list on your computer, you can use the <b>AutoFilter</b> feature of Excel to quickly identify the tasks that you have done or that you still need to complete. In the <b>Done?</b> column, click on the arrow to view filtered lists.</p> <p><b>To see filtered lists:</b>            To see a list of items that are not completed and still need to be checked off, select <b>(Blanks)</b> in the drop-down menu.</p> <p>To see a list of items that are checked off, select <b>a</b> in the drop-down menu.</p> <p>To see all the tasks again, select <b>(All)</b> in the drop-down menu.</p> <p>When you're finished using these instructions, delete this text box by selecting it and pressing DELETE.</p>
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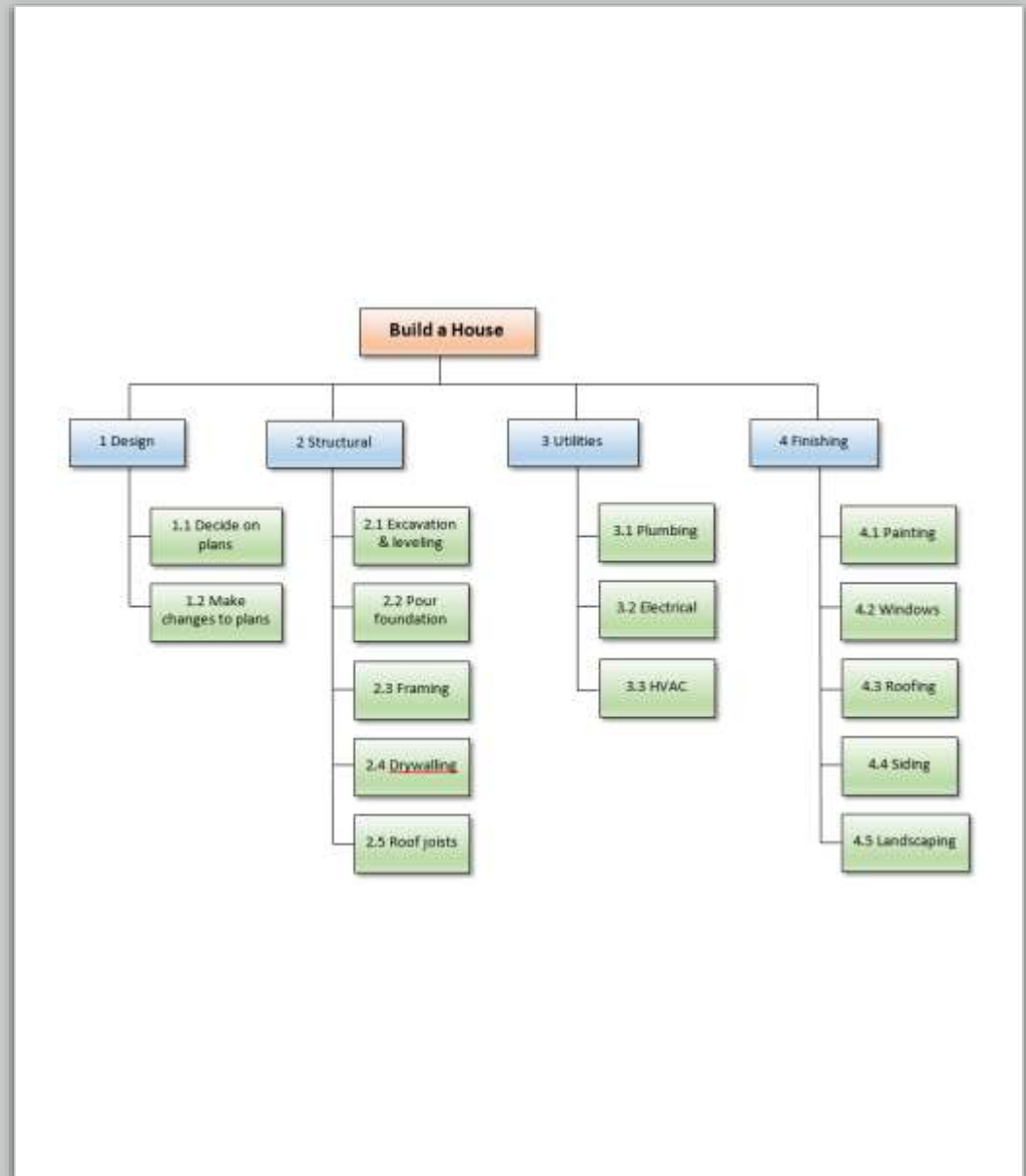
  

Done?	Project 3	Due By	Notes
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	Task a		
	Task b		
	Task c		
	Task d		
	Paperwork		
	Hand-off		
	Follow-up		

1. Organise your project (write business case, clarify goals and objectives, conduct stakeholder analysis)
2. Write out your task list
3. Organise your task list
4. Review this list
5. Communicate the list with relevant stakeholder

# Work Breakdown Structures

- Systematically breaks the project down into smaller and smaller steps until all the work units (tasks) have been identified
- Start with Phases/Work Packages/subject areas
- Break each phase into handful of activities needed to deliver it
- Break activities into tasks (a task answers how much, how long, what resources, what risk – once you can answer these you have the “take away task” and don’t need to break down further.



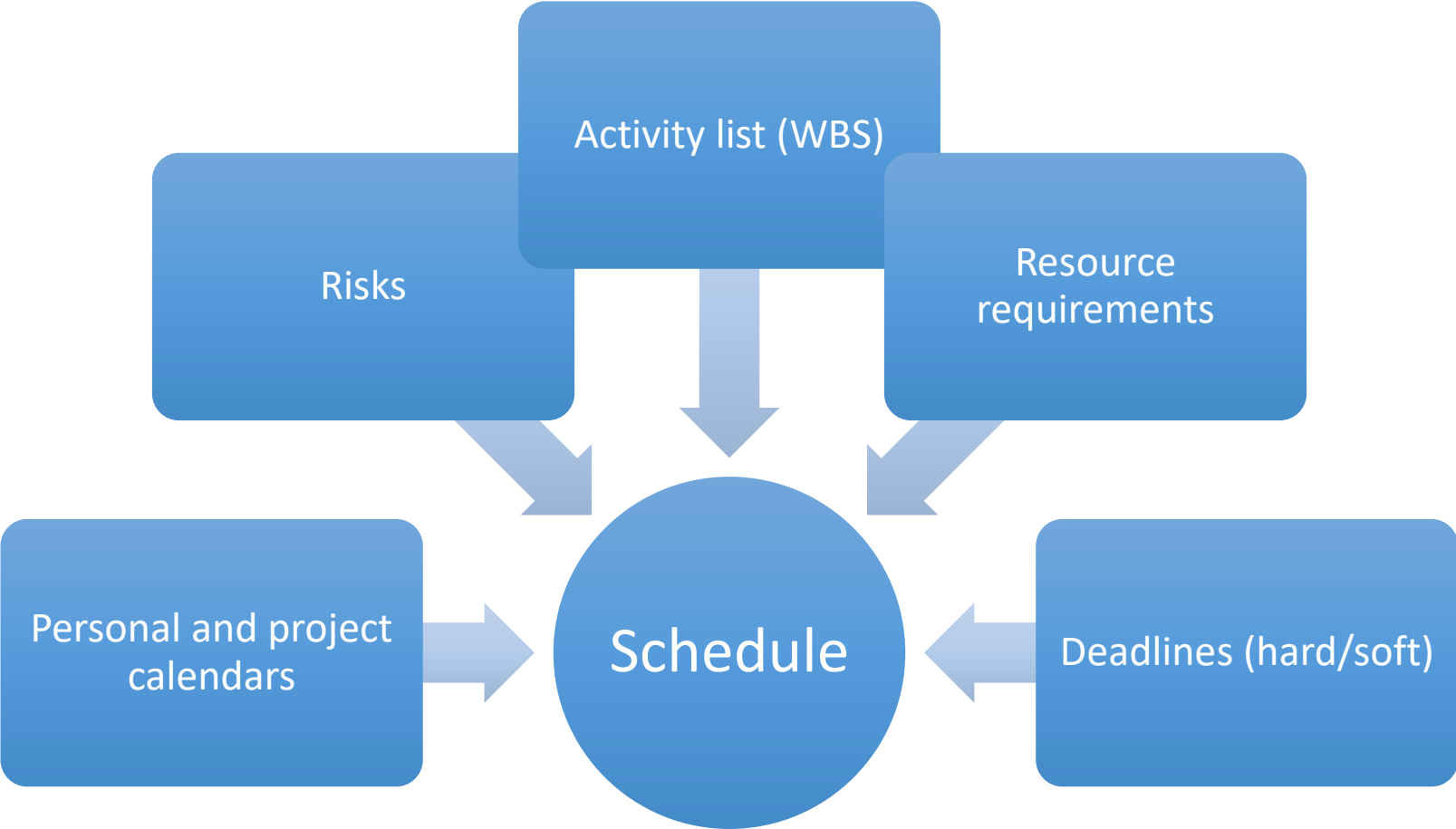
# Rules for WBS

- **Hierarchy:** The WBS is hierarchical in nature. Each “child” level exists in a strict hierarchical relationship with the parent level. The sum of all the child elements should give you the parent element.
- **100% rule:** Every level of decomposition must make up 100% of the parent level. It should also have at least two child elements.
- **Mutually exclusive:** All elements at a particular level in a WBS must be mutually exclusive. There must be no overlap in either their deliverables or their work. This is meant to reduce miscommunication and duplicate work.
- **Outcome-focused:** The WBS must focus on the result of work, i.e. deliverables, rather than the activities necessary to get there. Every element should be described via nouns, not verbs. This is a big source of confusion for beginners to WBS

# WBS – how to

1. Choose approach (process, achievement, function or blend)
2. Choose a numbering system
3. Break down the project until you have tasks (recommended 3-4 levels, < 10 elements per level <80 hours task)
4. Once you can answer how much, how long, what resources, what risk you're at task level
5. Beware exhaustion – easy to miss something
6. Be careful of unknowns (common in top down approach)
7. It can be useful to start with a mind-map

# Schedule inputs – project management style





## Plan Schedule Management

### Inputs

1. Project charter
2. Project management plan
  - Scope management plan
  - Development approach
3. Enterprise environmental factors
4. Organizational process assets

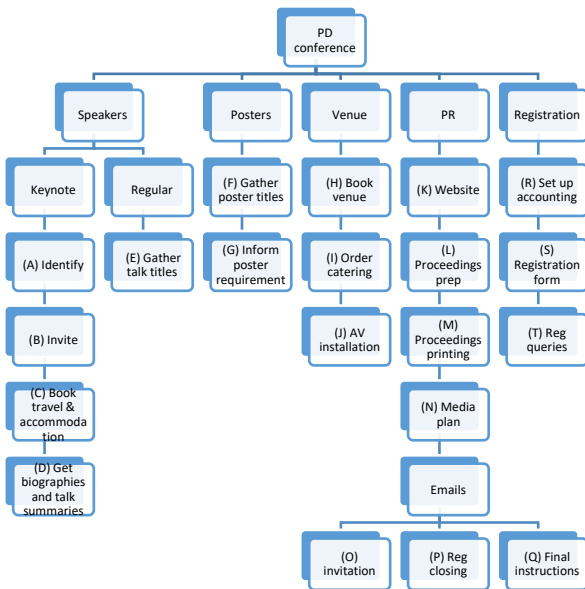
### Tools & Techniques

1. Expert judgment
2. Data analysis
3. Meetings

### Outputs

1. Schedule management plan

# Task list (taken from WBS)

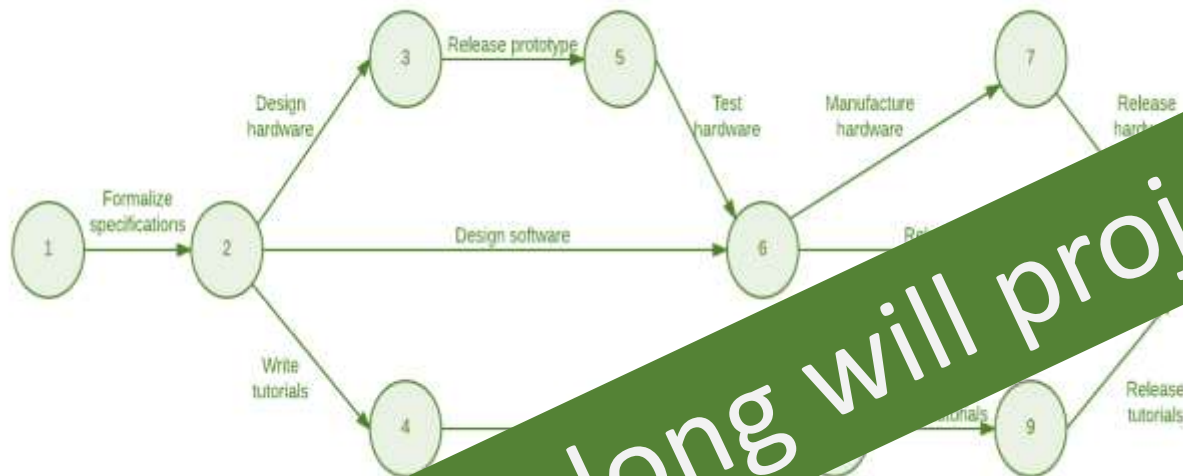


1	A	E	C	D	E	F
2						
3						
4						
5	Task list	Column1	Column12	Column2	Column22	Column3
6	Task identifier	task description	earliest start	duration	type	prerequisites
7	A	example task	minute 0	10 minutes	parallel/sequential	C,D and E
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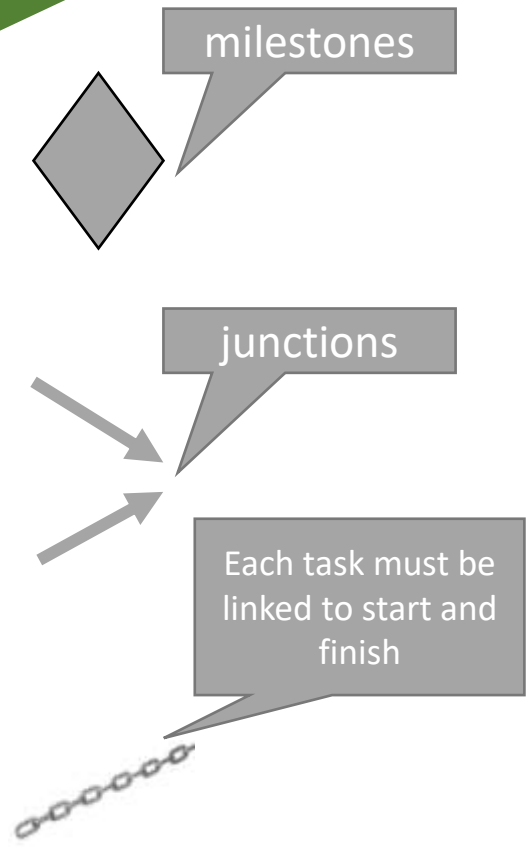
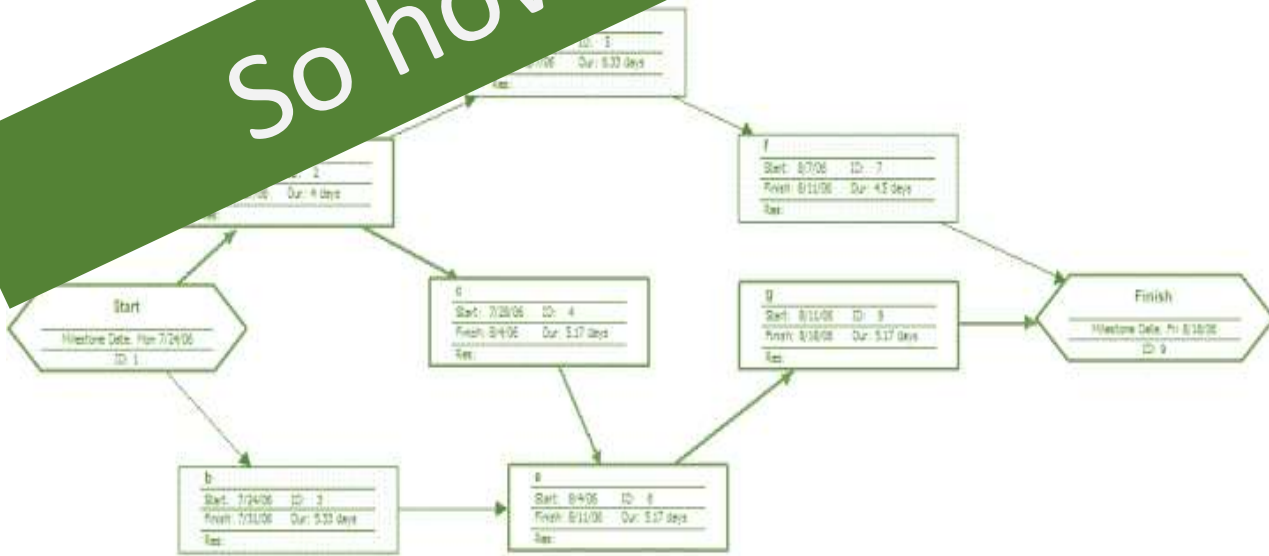
# PERT (Network Diagrams)

- We have list of tasks
- We have estimates for how long each task takes
- But how are tasks related?
- Can some tasks be done in parallel (non-dependent) or are they all serial (dependent)
- PERT (Programme Evaluation and Review Technique ) is a graphical representation of a project schedule
- Schedule shown as a network with nodes (tasks/milestones) and vectors (sequence) and often metadata (using colour)

Task name	
best	expected
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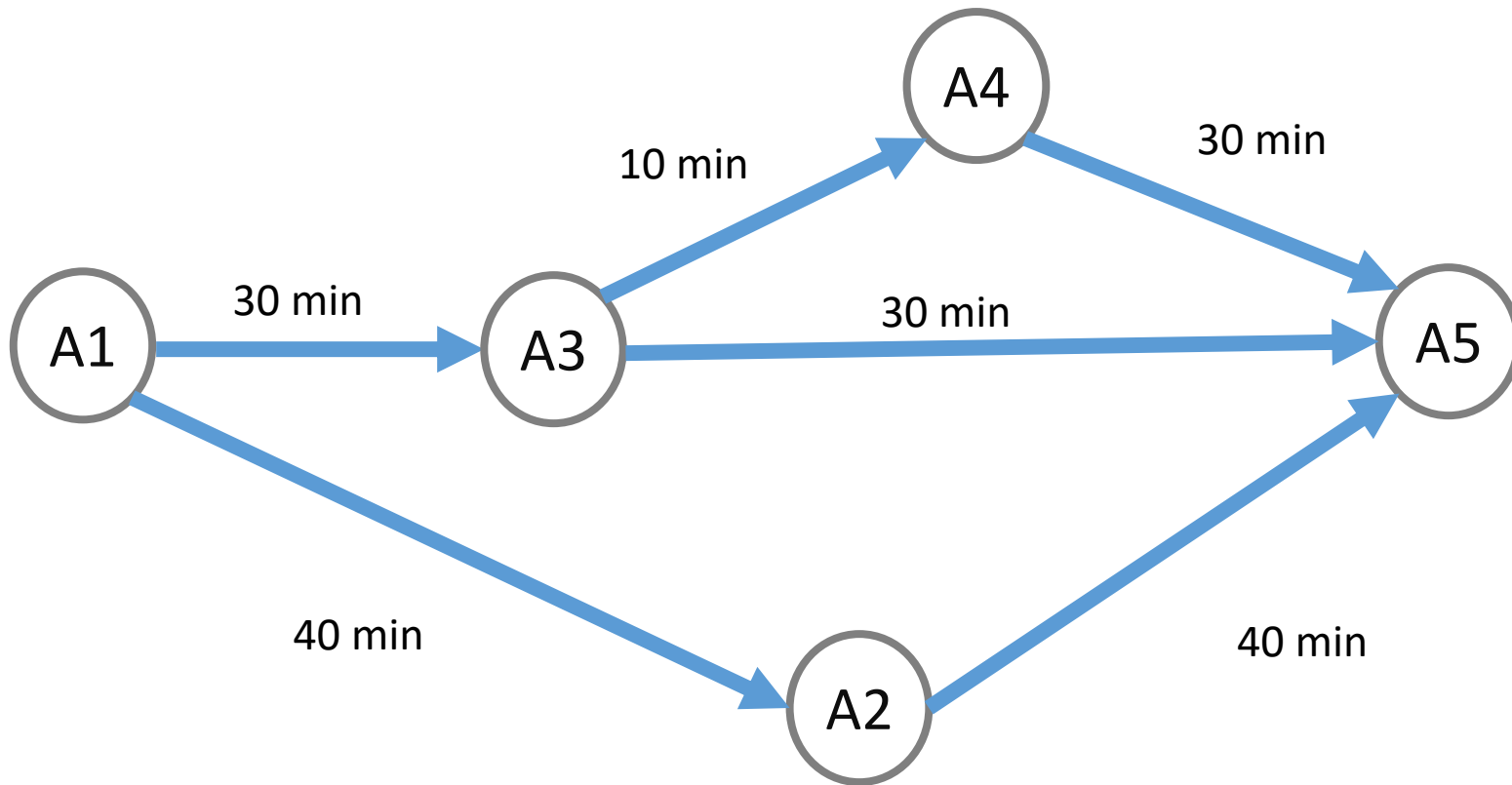
So how long will project take?



Each task must be linked to start and finish

# PERT

path	time
1-3-4-5	70
1-3-5	60
<b>1-2-5</b>	<b>80</b>



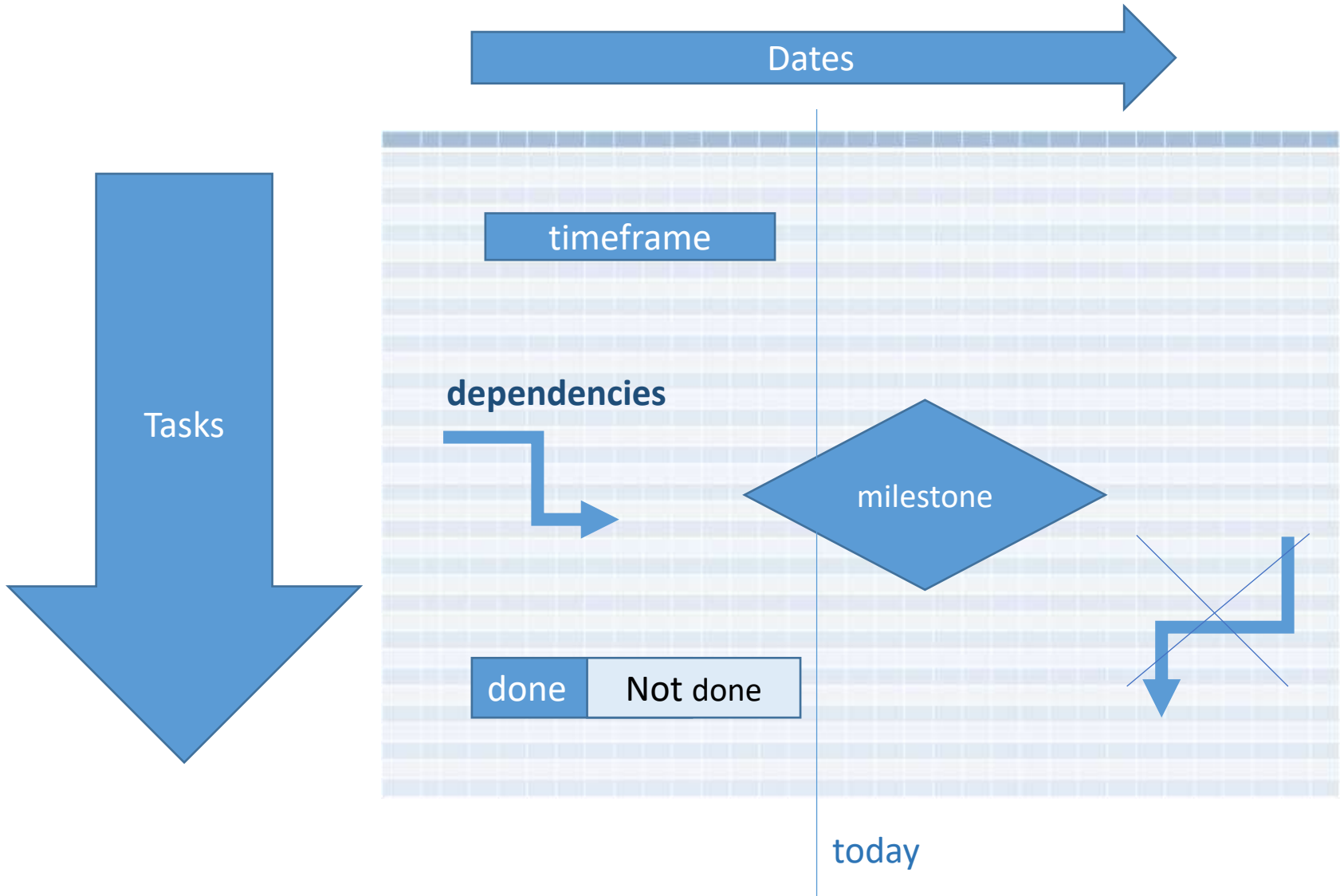
# Gantt Chart

- A graphic for scheduling, and controlling work
- Differs from a network diagram as you can see what's happening at any give time (past, present, future)
  - Very useful for resource planning
  - Can be used for tracking progress
  - Many software packages available e.g. MSOffice



Notes	Task Name	Duration	Start	Resources	Jan 3																											
					T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W
	- Choose conference venue	3.33 days	Fri 1/1	Telephone, Internet, Meeting	[Green bar spanning Jan 1-4]																											
	Assess conference needs	0.33 days	Fri 1/1	Jenny, Tina	[Small grey bar on Jan 1]																											
	Get three different quotes	2 days	Fri 1/1	Tina	[Small grey bar on Jan 1]																											
	Make booking	1 days	Tue 1/5	Tina	[Small grey bar on Jan 5]																											
	- Print location maps	4 days	Wed 1/6	Telephone, Internet, Car	[Green bar spanning Jan 6-9]																											
	Decide on requirements	1 days	Wed 1/6	Tom, Jenny	[Small grey bar on Jan 6]																											
	Get two quotes	2 days	Thu 1/7	Tom	[Small grey bar on Jan 7]																											
	Commission printers	1 days	Mon 1/11	Tom	[Small grey bar on Jan 11]																											
	- Investigate travel arrangements	6 days	Tue 1/12	Telephone, Internet	[Green bar spanning Jan 12-17]																											
	Assess needs of speakers	2 days	Tue 1/12	Sarah	[Small grey bar on Jan 12]																											
	Get three quotes	3 days	Thu 1/14	Sarah	[Small grey bar on Jan 14]																											
	Make bookings	1 days	Tue 1/19	Sarah	[Small grey bar on Jan 19]																											
	- Commission speakers	6 days	Fri 1/1	Telephone	[Green bar spanning Jan 1-6]																											
	Research qualifications	4 days	Fri 1/1	Jeff	[Small grey bar on Jan 1]																											
	Send invites	1 days	Thu 1/7	Jeff	[Small grey bar on Jan 7]																											
	Confirm attendance	1 days	Fri 1/8	Jeff,	[Small grey bar on Jan 8]																											
	- Create conference program	3 days	Wed 1/20	Computer, Software	[Green bar spanning Jan 20-22]																											
	Draw up program	3 days	Wed 1/20	Jenny	[Small grey bar on Jan 20]																											

# What does a Gantt chart look like?







MY SPACE PROJECT SCHEDULE OF EVENT

Task name	Start time	Duration	Assigned to	Actions	January 2015								
					11 Week	12 Week	13 Week	14 Week	15 Week	16 Week	17 Week	18 Week	19 Week
Super-event	2015-03-16	6			Super-event								
Develop workplan	2015-03-16	3		+ ✎ ✕	Develop workplan								
Develop agenda	2015-03-16	2	Organizator	+ ✎ ✕	Develop agenda								
Invite speakers	2015-03-16	2	Organizator	+ ✎ ✕	Invite speakers								
Prepare materials	2015-03-30	1	Organizator	+ ✎ ✕	Prepare materials								
Develop event forma	2015-03-16	1	PR	+ ✎ ✕	Develop event format								
Develop budget	2015-03-16	1	Organizator	+ ✎ ✕	Develop budg								
Design contributions	2015-03-23	3		+ ✎ ✕	Design contributions								
Graphics consultatio	2015-03-23	1	Designer	+ ✎ ✕	Graphics consultation								
Develop logo	2015-03-30	1	Designer	+ ✎ ✕	Develop logo								
Design brochure	2015-04-06	1	Designer	+ ✎ ✕	Design brochu								
Design invitations	2015-04-06	1	Designer	+ ✎ ✕	Design invitations								
Theme research	2015-03-23	1	Designer	+ ✎ ✕	Theme resear								
Event environment	2015-03-30	1	Organizator	+ ✎ ✕	Event environment								
Media production	2015-04-06	1	Marketing	+ ✎ ✕	Media production								
Contact media	2015-03-23	4	PR	+ ✎ ✕	Contact media								
Hire and train persone	2015-03-30	2	HR	+ ✎ ✕	Hire and train personnel								
Refine and retast the e	2015-04-13	1	Organizator	+ ✎ ✕	Refine and retast the event								
Event reminder	2015-04-19	1	PR	+ ✎ ✕	Event remindc								
Event	2015-04-27	0		✎ ✕	Event								

+ Add New Task...



# Compression

- Schedule compression can be achieved through
- Fast tracking (parallel)



Time ↓
Cost -
Risk ↑

- Crashing (extra resources)

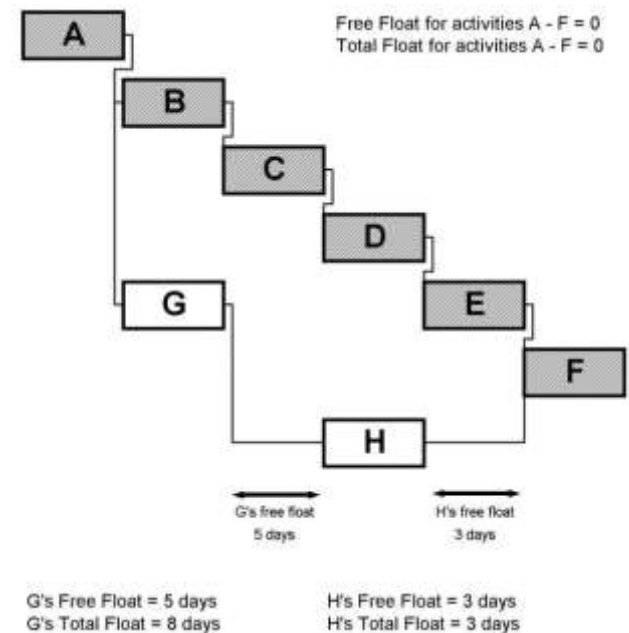


Time ↓
Cost ↑
Risk -

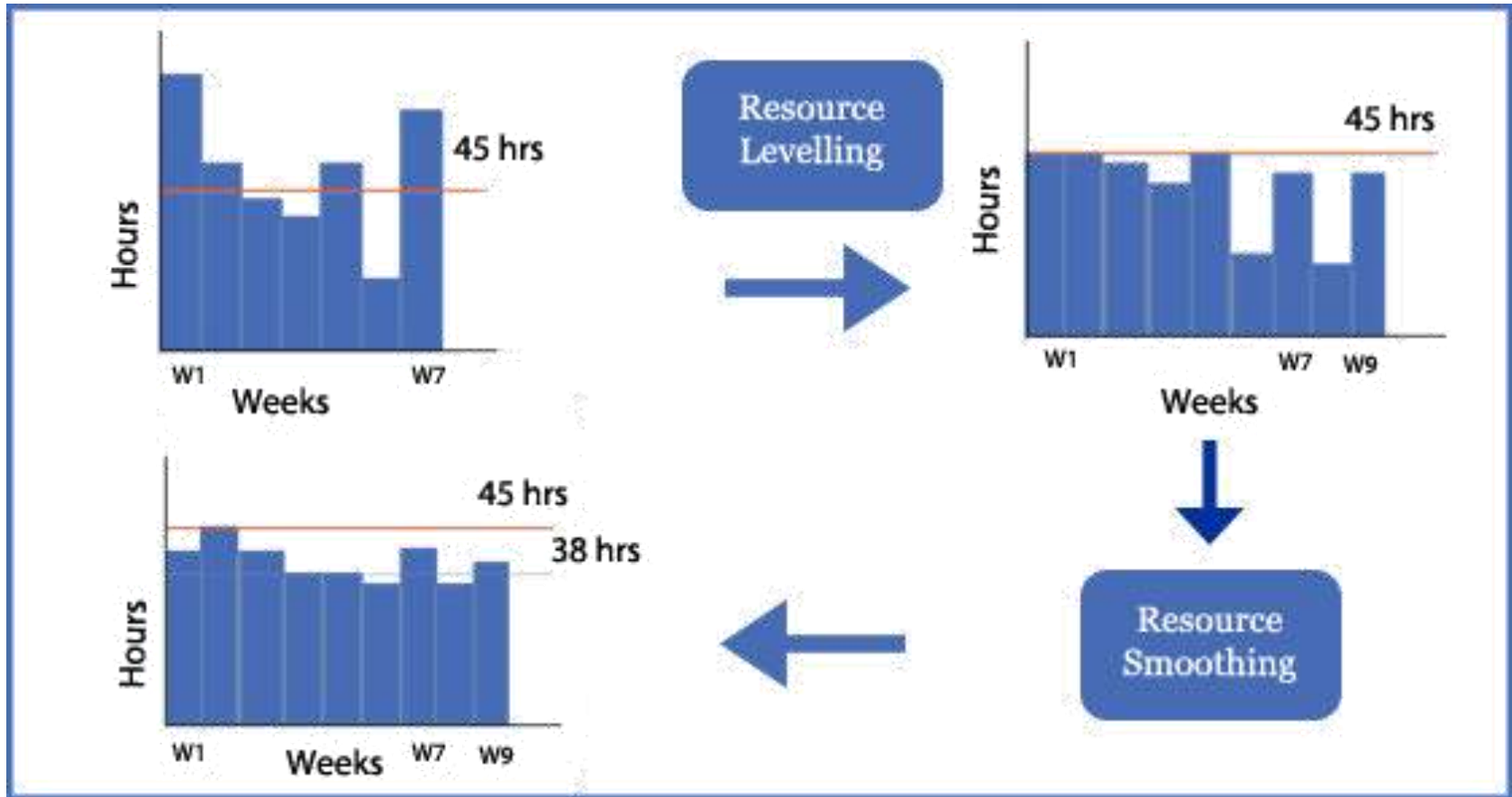
# Float (slack)

In project management, float or slack is the amount of time that a task in a project network can be delayed without causing a delay to:

- subsequent tasks ("free float")
- project completion date ("total float").



# HR levelling



# Schedule reviewing

## Tools

- **what if scenario**

Also already mentioned

- Resource levelling
- Critical chain
- Risk multipliers



# Resources in academia?

All of the usual (materials, time, equipment, people)

ALSO

Personal knowledge and intellect

**Personal Knowledge Management**

(which can be seen as an extension of personal information management)

# Risk

- Projects NEVER go as planned
- Therefore we need to assess risks involved



# Managing risk

## Avoid



Avoid project altogether?

Skip a high risk step?

## Share



Other teams?

Other organisations?

## Accept



Usually when no other option

Loss < insurance cost



# Identifying risk

- Stakeholder map
- WBS
- Network diagram
- Gantt Chart
- Brain storming
- Experience

P	E	S	T	L	E
Political	Economic	Social	Technological	Legal	Environmental
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increasing political focus on healthcare</li><li>• Global governments look for healthcare savings</li><li>• Britain voted to leave Europe causes political turmoil</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increasing labor cost</li><li>• Inflation</li><li>• Consumer confidence is low</li><li>• Low fuel prices and interest rates helps promote growth in market capacity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Halo World Pharmacy was fined \$450m for pollution issues</li><li>• Increasing attention in healthcare</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opportunity: Advartise through social media</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Halo World Pharmacy was fined \$450m for pollution issues</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adverse weather condition causes the temporary suspension of some factories</li><li>• Growing attention to environmental protection</li></ul>

# Categories of risk

## **categories**

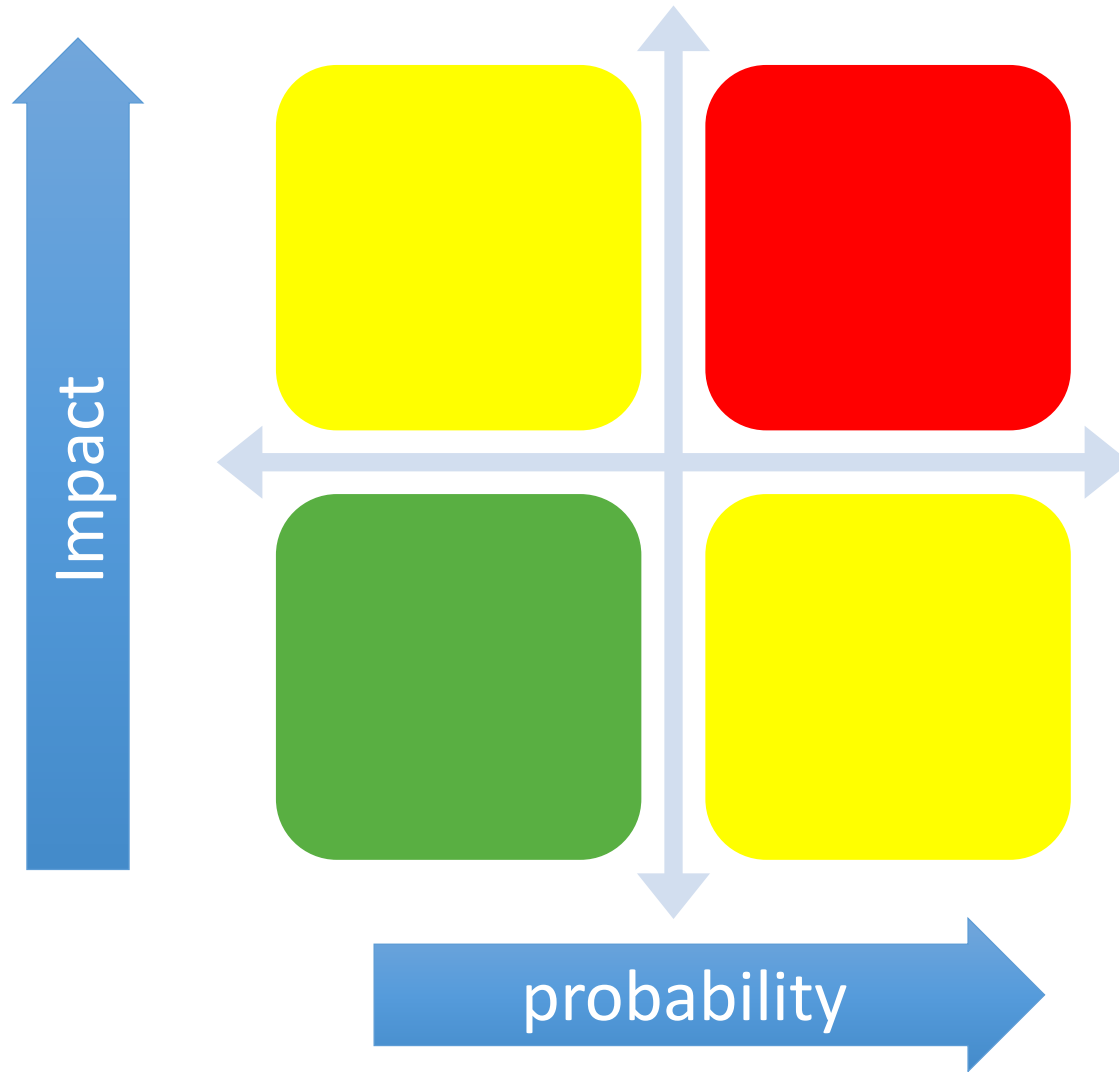
- Financial
- Strategic
- Operational
- Hazard

(each of these can be external or internal)

## **considerations**

- Occurrence
- Urgency
- Manageability
- Dependencies
- proximity






# Quantifying risk



# Wedding risks



Some examples (from personal experience)

- Ash cloud 
- Inclement weather 
- Stepson who thinks he is Shakespeare 
- Free bar at an Irish wedding 
- In-laws who don't talk 

# Risk analysis

## 1. Identify threats

e.g. human, operational, reputational, procedural, project, financial, technical, natural, political, structural,....



## 2. Estimate risk

risk value, risk impact/probability charts



		Impact				
		Trivial	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
Probability	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
	Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
	Moderate	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	High
	Likely	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	High
	Very likely	Medium	Medium	High	High	High

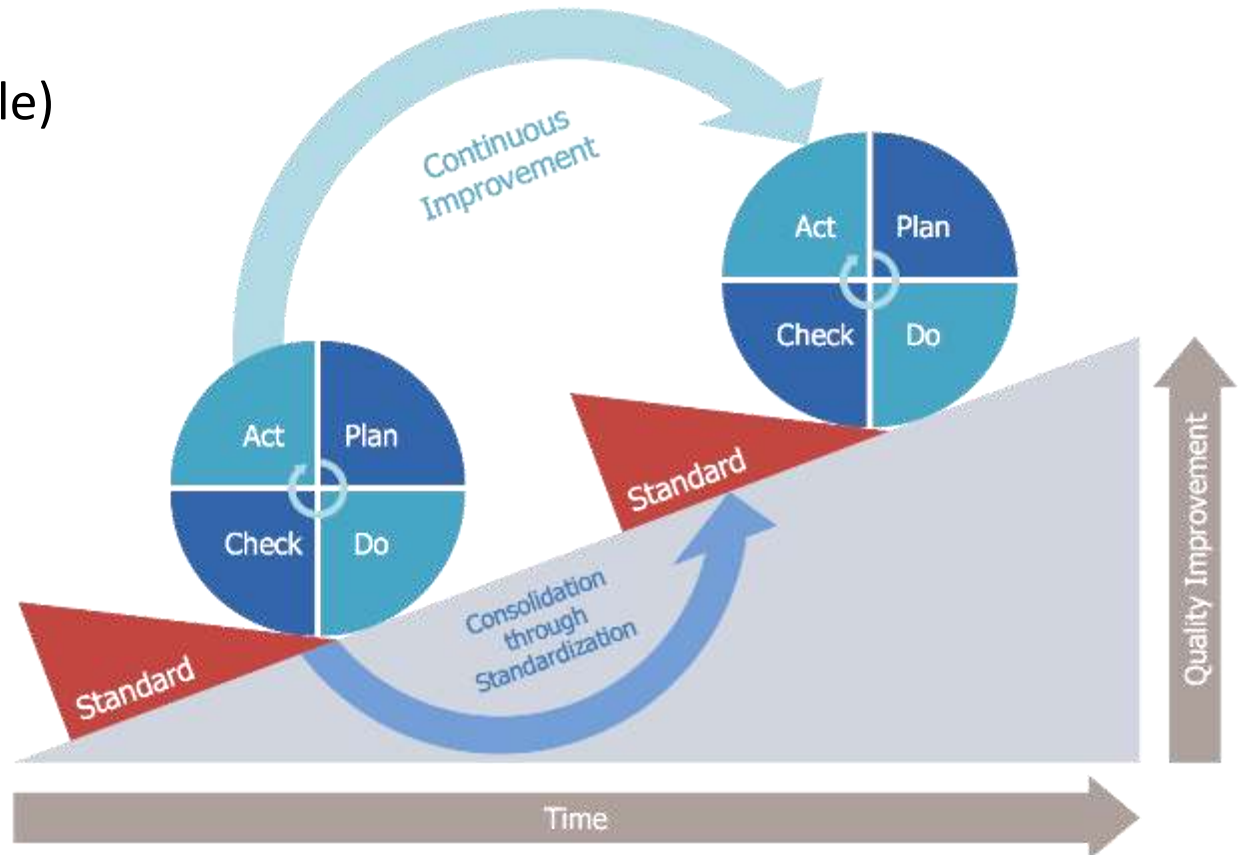
# Quantifying risk - EMV

		impact						
			V low	low	med	high	V high	certain
probability			2	4	8	16	32	100
	V low	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.6	3.2	10
	low	0.3	0.6	1.2	2.4	4.8	9.6	30
	med	0.5	1	2	4	8	16	50
	high	0.7	1.4	2.8	4.8	9.6	19.2	70
	V high	0.9	1.8	3.6	7.2	14.4	28.8	90
	certain	1	2	4	8	16	32	100

	<b>Spend resources to reduce/remove</b>
	<b>Case by case basis</b>
	<b>Build in contingency</b>

# Controlling risk

- Scale experiments
- Preventative action (e.g. H&S training)
- Plan-Do-Check-Act  
(Demming circle)



# RACI

- Responsible
  - Accountable
  - Consulted
  - Informed
- 
- RASCI – support
  - RACIO – omitted
  - RACI-VS – verify, signatory

		Six Sigma RACI Matrix					
Step	Tasks	Role 1	Role 2	Role 3	Role 4	Role 5	Role 6
1	Task 1	C	C,I				R,A
2	Task 2	A		C,I		R	
3	Task 3			A	R		I
4	Task 4	R	C			A	
5	Task 5			R	A		
6	Task 6	A	R			C	
				R	Responsible		
				A	Accountable		
				C	Consulted		
				I	Informed		



# Risk management process



# Contingency formula

Build in a contingency for green (and maybe some amber) risks

Add contingency to budget

$$\text{Risk Value} = P \times C$$

P= probability of risk occurring e.g. 0.8 = 80%

C = cost to project if risk does happen e.g. €200,000

# Risk management plan

- Define time periods
- Identify the trigger
- Keep the plan simple
- Consider related resource restrictions
- Identify everyone's needs
- Define success
- Include contingency plans in standard operating
- Manage your risks
- Identify operational inefficiencies

# Budgets/Costs – the basics

## **Top down approach**

- Normal for research projects
- Management decide budget and divide between work packages
- + encourages efficiency and cost saving
- if management (funders) lack expertise, it can be a guess

## **Bottom up**

- Costs are calculated from individual tasks and summed together
- Budget is prepared by the team members
- + accuracy
- potential to miss tasks and so not have budget for them

## **Parametric**

- Modelling the cost

# What is Cost and Project Cost Management?

- **Cost** is a resource sacrificed or foregone to achieve a specific objective or something given up in exchange
  - Costs are usually measured in monetary units like €
- **Project cost management** includes the processes required to ensure that the project is completed within an approved budget
  - Project managers must make sure their projects are **well defined**, have accurate **time** and **cost** estimates and have a realistic **budget** that they were involved in approving

# What goes wrong

- Lack of realistic project cost estimates from the outset
  - Many of the original cost estimates for projects are **low** to begin with and based on very unclear project requirements
- Many professionals think preparing cost estimates is a job for accountants it's actually a joint PM/AC job
- Many projects involve new technology or business processes which involve untested products and inherent risks

# Budget – categories of costs

- **Direct costs**

- Staff (people)
- Consultant fees
- Raw materials
- Software licenses
- Travel

- **Indirect costs (shared)**

- Telephone charges
- Office space (rent)
- Office equipment
- General administration
- Company insurance

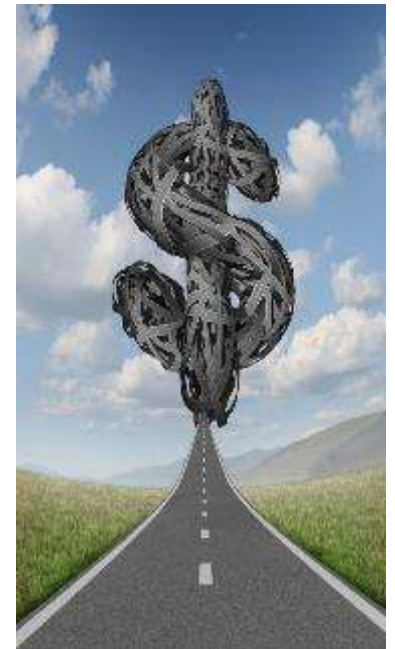
- **Sunk Costs**

- In the past

- **Overheads**

- **Contingency/  
reserve**

- **Tax/VAT**



# Salary

Guidelines for Contract Researchers Salary Scales						
Researchers Salary Scales (Applicable from 01 January 2018)*						
		GROSS SALARY	Obligatory contribution	Obligatory contribution	Budget amount	
Column 1		Column 2	Column 3	Column 3	Column 4	
Post-Doctorate Researcher	Point 1	36,854	3,999	7,371	48,224	Minimum of PhD or equivalent* research experience (including industrial R&D).
	Point 2	37,383	4,056	7,477	48,915	
	Point 3	39,138	4,246	7,828	51,211	
LEVEL 2	Point 4	40,259	4,368	8,052	52,678	
	Point 5	41,413	4,493	8,283	54,189	Level on scale dependent on funding availability and experience, and will also be market-driven and discipline-related.
	Point 6	42,603	4,622	8,521	55,746	
	Point 7	43,828	4,755	8,766	57,349	
	Point 8	45,090	4,892	9,018	59,001	
	Point 9	46,389	5,033	9,278	60,700	* EU defines PhD equivalent 4 years fulltime research after primary degree
	Point 10	47,728	5,178	9,546	62,451	



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
4			<b>Budget per year</b>					
5	<b>Budget Category(*)</b>		<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Total Project</b>
6		<b>Category of expenditure</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
7		Contract staff	127,612	119,636	95,709	95,709	-	438,666
8	Flexible	Temporary staff	-	-	-	-	-	-
9		Post doctorates	-	-	-	-	-	-
10		Post graduates	-	-	-	-	-	-
11		Consumables & Module delivery (internal venue)	28,498	31,945	28,845	27,198	-	116,485
12	Fixed	Travel and subsistence	8,000	8,000	8,500	7,000	-	31,500
13		<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>164,110</b>	<b>159,581</b>	<b>133,054</b>	<b>129,907</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>586,651</b>
14		Durable equipment	9,750	3,600	-	-	-	13,350
15	Fixed	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
16		Module delivery (external venue)	19,105	25,990	30,490	26,605	-	102,190
17		start up costs	16,000	9,500	-	-	-	25,500
18		Sub-Contracting Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Fixed	Overheads	41,027	39,895	33,264	32,477	-	146,663
20		<b>TOTAL GRANT REQUESTED</b>	<b>249,992</b>	<b>238,567</b>	<b>196,808</b>	<b>188,988</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>874,354</b>
21	41027.38	Other financial contributions (from Table 3)	-	-	-	-	-	-
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7. Research G/L Detail x

Period between  and

Account not like

Project like

Project like

B - General Ledger

C - Historical GL



Results

Search  Detail level

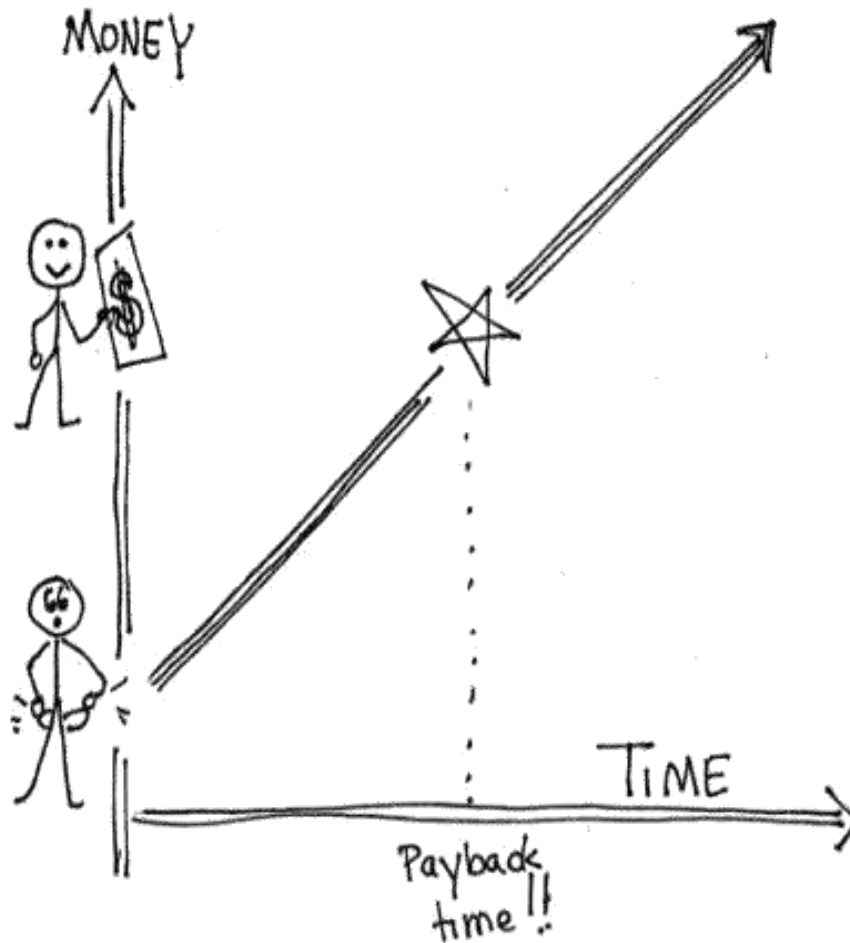
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+	Σ1	R001	Income		-184,795.30				
+	Σ1	R002	Pay Costs		199,949.41				
+	Σ1	R003	Equipment		4,451.34				
+	Σ2	R004	Consumables	3270 Clothing Purchases (Uniforms / Labcoats / Academic)	348.40				
+	Σ2	R004	Consumables	4225 Computer Consumables, Toner, Cartridges, Discs, CD Rom	3,001.60				
+	Σ2	R004	Consumables	4850 Internal Charges - UCC Audio Visual	1,060.00				
-	Σ1	R004	Consumables		4,410.00				
+	Σ1	R005	Travel		29,750.11				
+	Σ1	R006	Other		31,586.05				
+	Σ1	R008	Overheads		13,721.71				
Σ					99,073.32				

# Preparing a budget

1. Define the Direct Labor Cost
2. Estimate the Material Costs of the Project
3. Assess Potential Travel Costs of the Project
4. Define What Equipment Costs May Exist in the Project Budget
5. What Administrative Costs Will Be Incurred?
6. Define the Cost of Software, IP, If Necessary (publications???)
7. Add taxes, overheads, regulatory costs

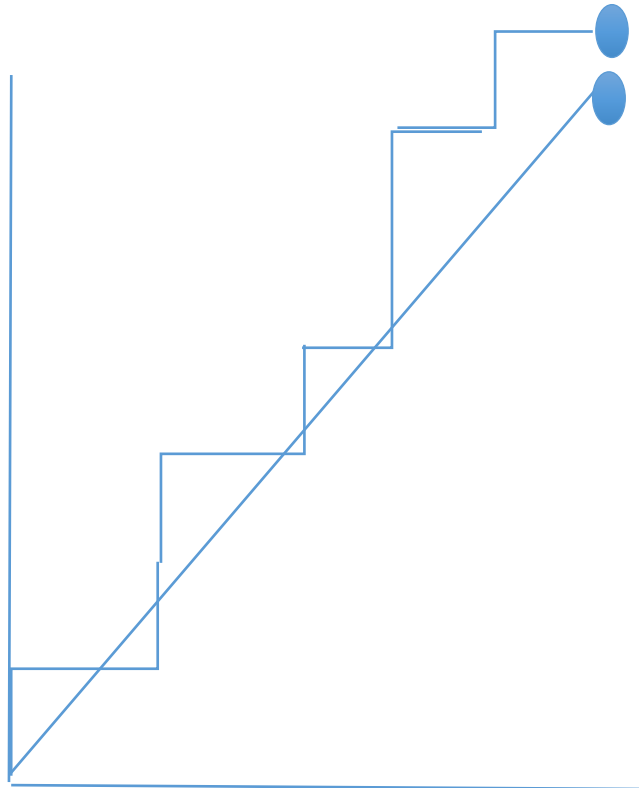
# Controlling costs

- Simplest method is linear budget/time



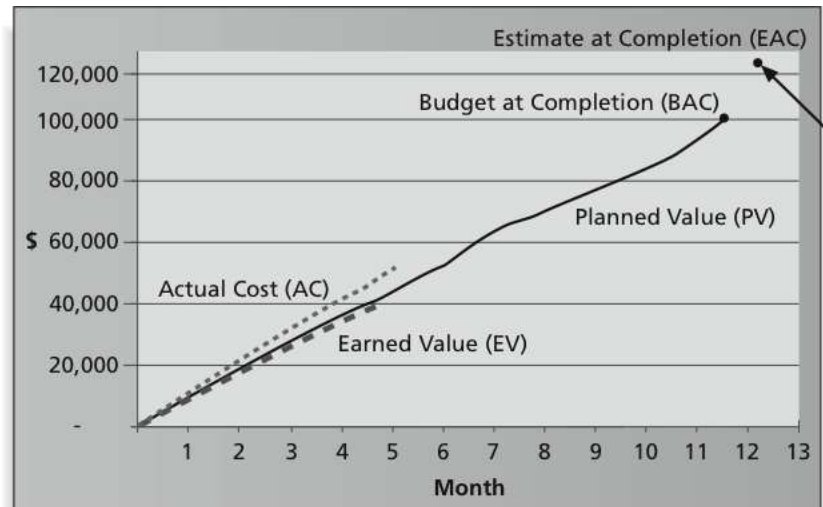
# Earned value chart

$$EAC = AC + ETC$$



Revised budget

budget



An EAC point above and to the right of the BAC point means the project is projected to cost more and take longer than planned

.... Actual Cost (AC)      — Planned value (PV)      - - - Earned Value (EV)

## Execution - 4 elements

- Doing the work
- Reporting the work
- Solving live problems
- Managing change

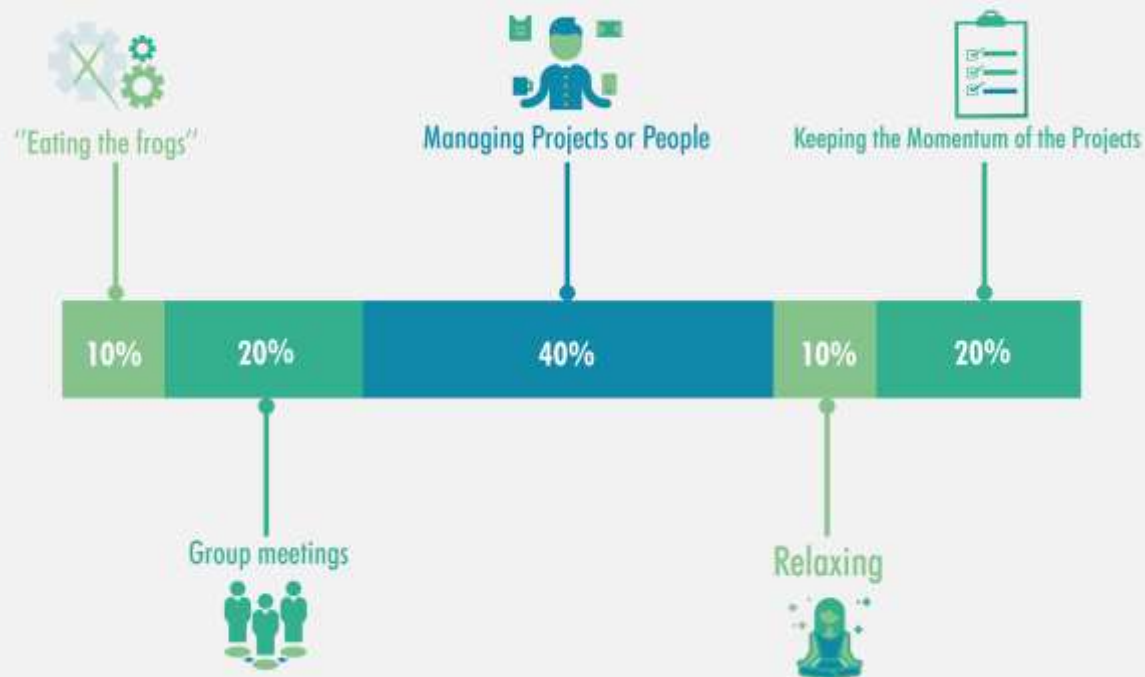


# What do you need?

- Project planning documents (Charter, scope statement, budget, WBS, Gantt chart)
- Other related documents (standards, technical documentation, analyses, contracts etc).
- Institutional regulations (accountancy, hiring, procedures for preparing contracts etc). **NB!** Very important, if the PM has not managed projects or structural units before.
- In a later phase of a project: corrections to the project plan and other related documents.

# Doing the work

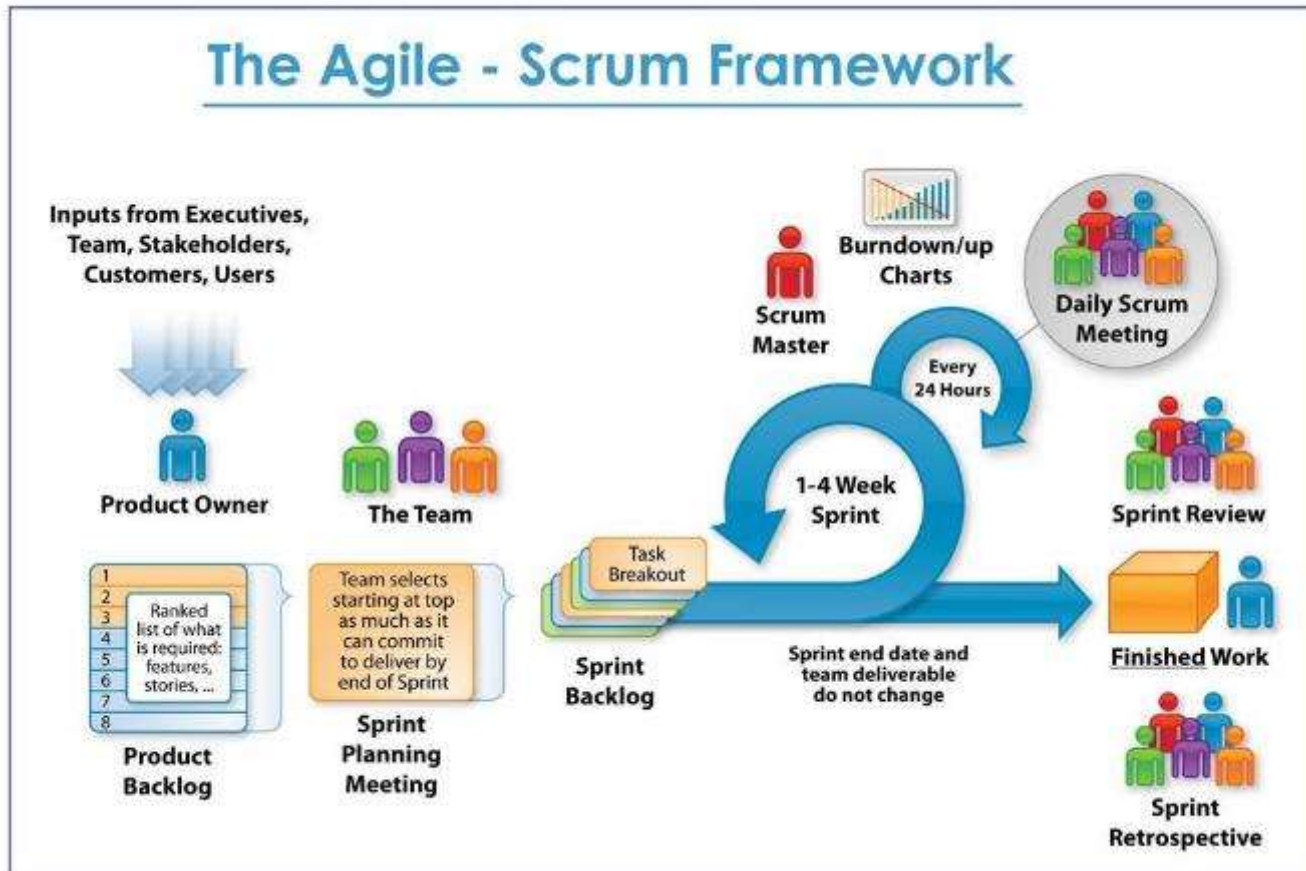
- Every project is different
- Impossible to give “how to guide”
- Good opportunity to get profile of “a day in the life”
- However, every day is different.



The most uncomfortable,  
distasteful things you don't want  
to do, BUT actually need to do  
(=the 🐸)



# Meetings – one suggestion



# Momentum – some suggestions

- Keep on top of emails (batchwise)
- Reviewing all the notes from the meetings, including all troubleshooting. (action lists)
- Learning and planning from them for future actions (Lessons learned).
- Coordinating the resources (clarity).
- Meeting the specialists (expert judgement).
- Even though project managers are planners by nature of their jobs, it is possible that over the course of the day their focus, energy levels and overall momentum drop (know your rhythm).

# Project Reporting

- You will need different reports for different
  - Audiences
  - Purposes

## Some examples

Change requests

Annual reports

Milestone reports

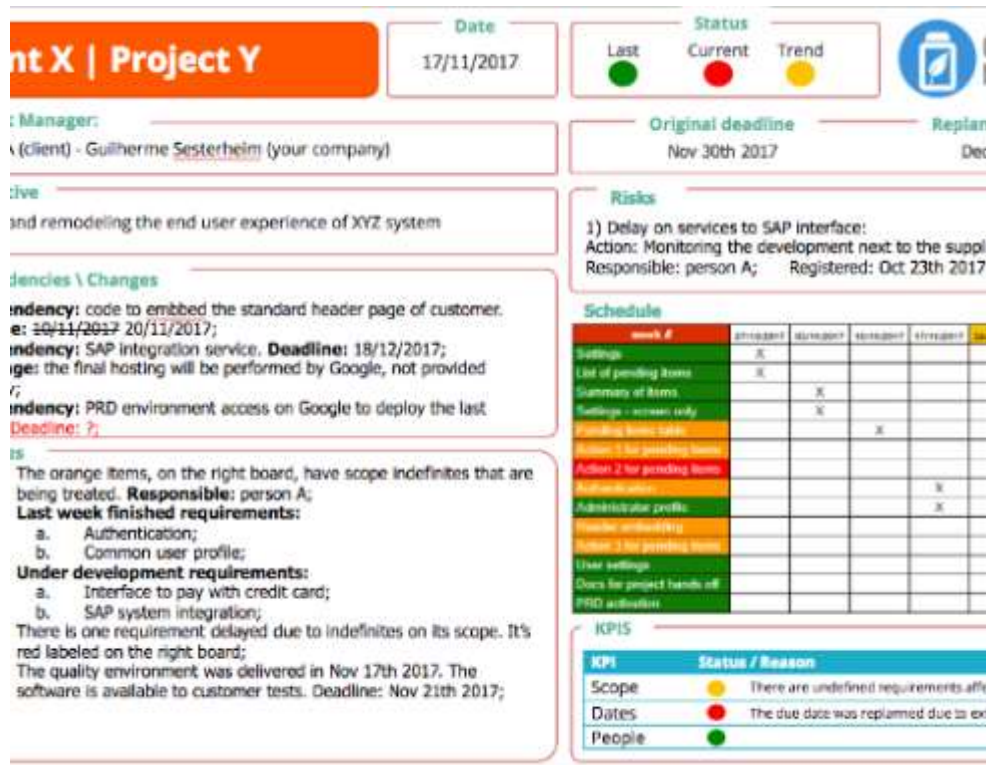
Stakeholder communication

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### Project Status Report Checklist

-  **Executive Overview**
  - ✓ Project identifiers
  - ✓ Project summary
  - ✓ Overall project health and percent complete
-  **Milestones and Deliverables**
  - ✓ Current percent complete
  - ✓ Planned start, planned finish
  - ✓ Actual start, actual finish
-  **Issue, Risk and Change Management**
  - ✓ Open issues
  - ✓ Open risks
  - ✓ Open change requests
-  **Team Progress**
  - ✓ Tasks scheduled for last week
  - ✓ Tasks completed last week
  - ✓ Tasks scheduled for next week

# Performance reporting



- Collect information
- Format for distribution
- Distribute
- Focus on
  - Project status
  - Progress since last report
  - Forecast
- Only include useful info
- Can be simple or very elaborate depending on project.

# What about **milestone** reports?

- The first part of a milestone report ("Milestones Completed") describes what has happened so far. It provides a quick summary of what has been accomplished and when.
- Description of Milestone: Here you provide details about what was accomplished in order to complete the milestone specification.
- Due Date: Record when the milestone was due according to the current project plan.
- Actual Completion Date: Record when the milestone was actually accomplished.
- Comments: This section is for providing details about modifications from the original plan i.e. why the due date was missed or why deliverables were changed.

Active Projects  
Dec 10  
**90**

Planned Cost  
Dec 10  
**\$9.90M**

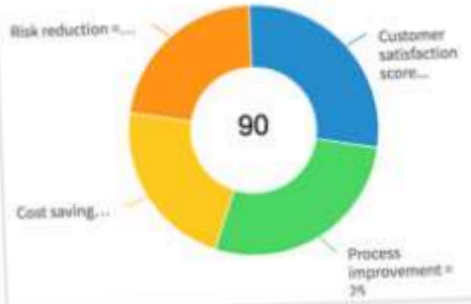
Planned Benefits  
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**\$6.86M**

Estimate at Completion  
Dec 10  
**\$27.00M**

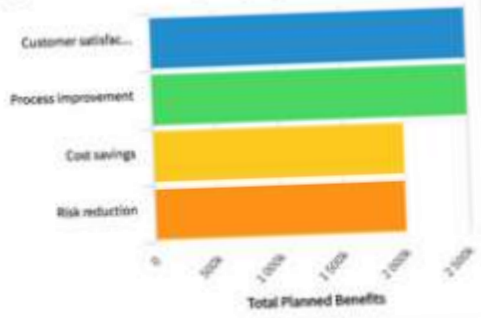
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**\$18.00M**

Actual Benefits  
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**\$18.90M**

Benefit Plans by Category



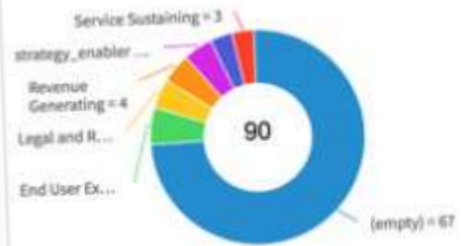
Projects Planned Benefits by Category



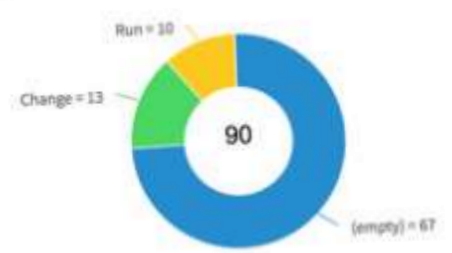
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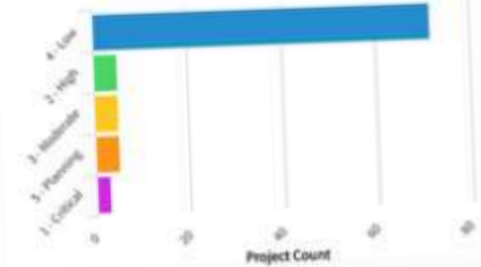
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Projects by Investment Class



Projects by Priority



When things go wrong



Is it a problem?

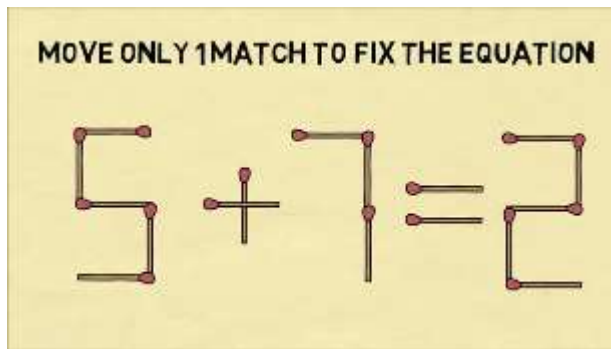




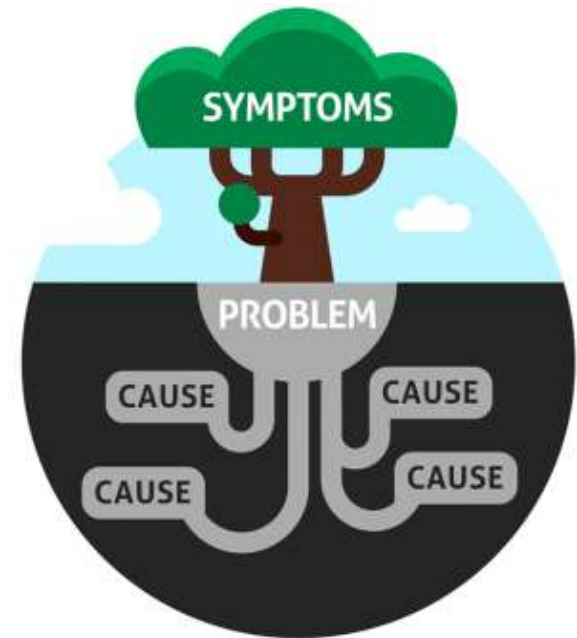
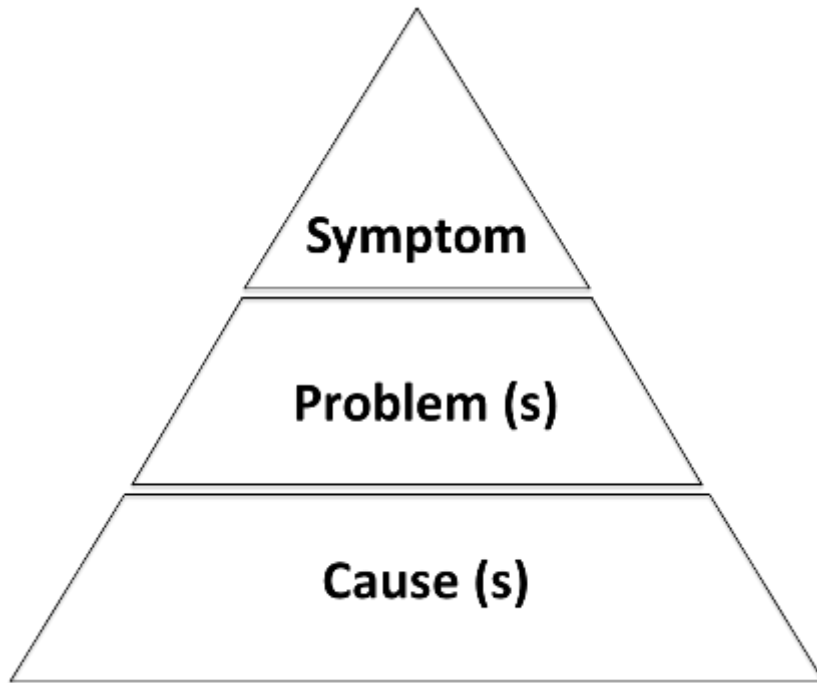
# 4 steps

1. Defining the problem.
2. Generating alternatives.
3. Evaluating and selecting alternatives.
4. Implementing solutions.

- Creativity
- Decision Making
- Project Management



# Defining the problem



# 5 whys



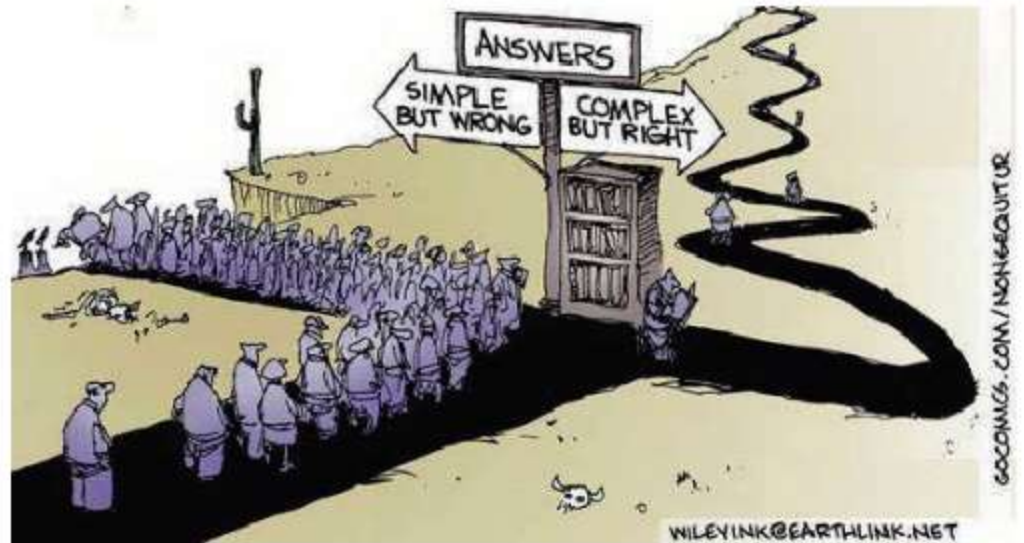
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“genchi genbutsu”  
go and see for yourself



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# When to use 5 whys

- Simple or moderately difficult problems
- Single track root causes



# Other approach's

Root cause analysis

Affinity diagrams

Cause and effect diagrams

Flow chart

Swim lane diagram

Systems diagram

bottlenecks

# Issues v risk

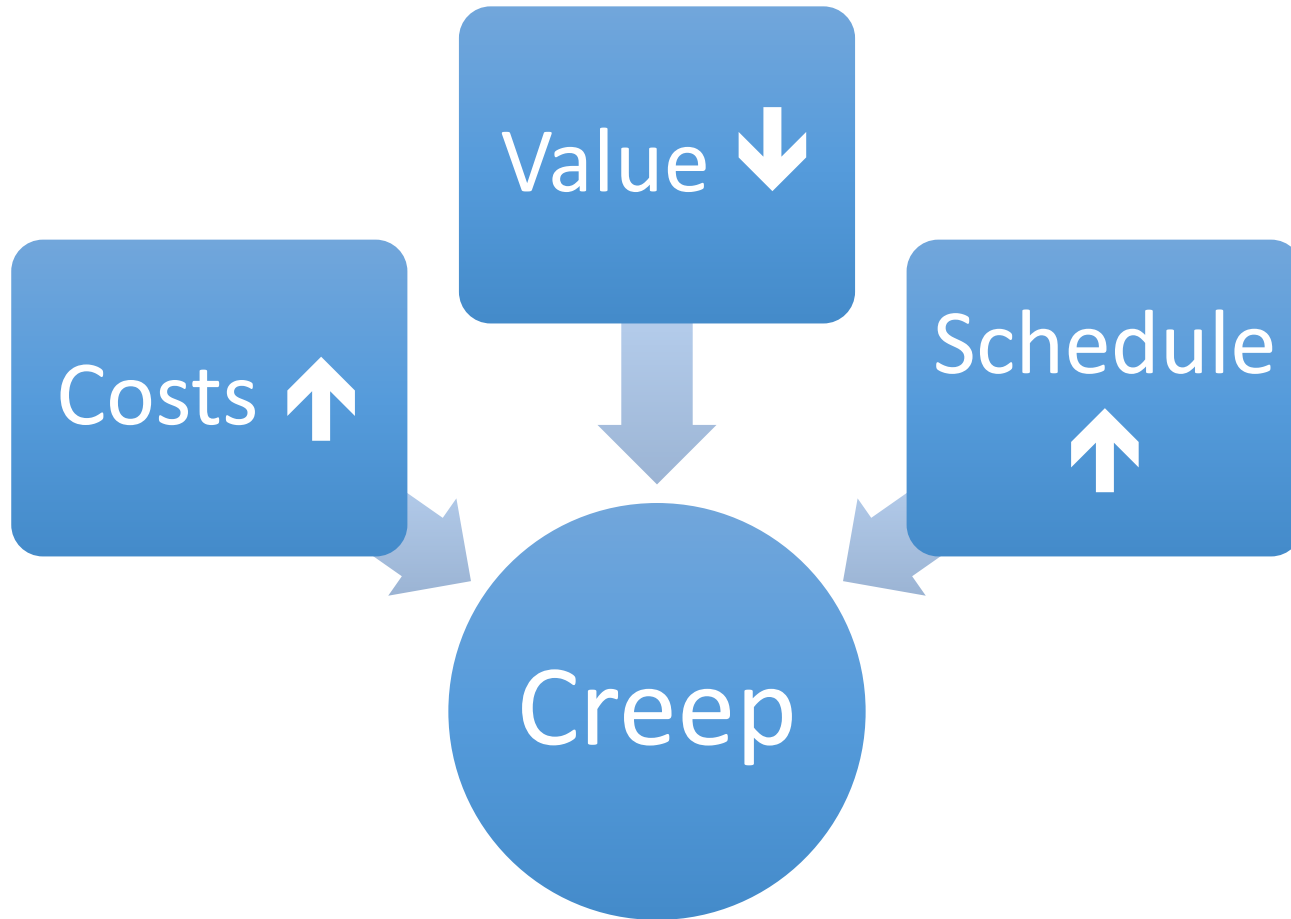
- Risk are somewhat predictable and quantifiable
- Issues are less clear
- An issues log allows you to do the following:
  - Have a safe and reliable method for the team to raise issues.
  - Track and assign responsibility to specific people for each issue.
  - Analyze and prioritise issues more easily.
  - Record issue resolution for future reference and project learning.
  - Monitor overall project health and status.



# Change management

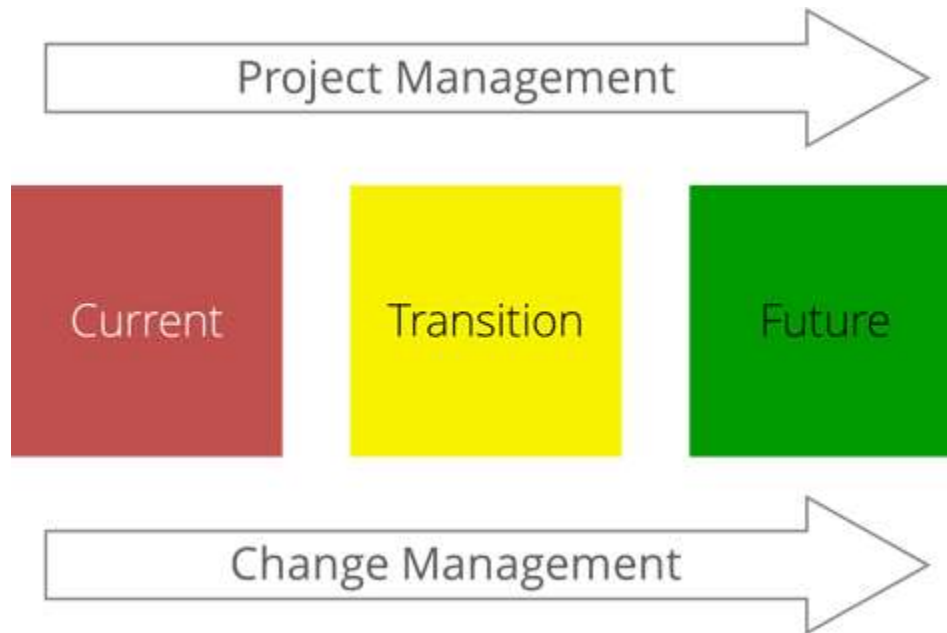
The first step in managing change is to know about the change

# Scope creep



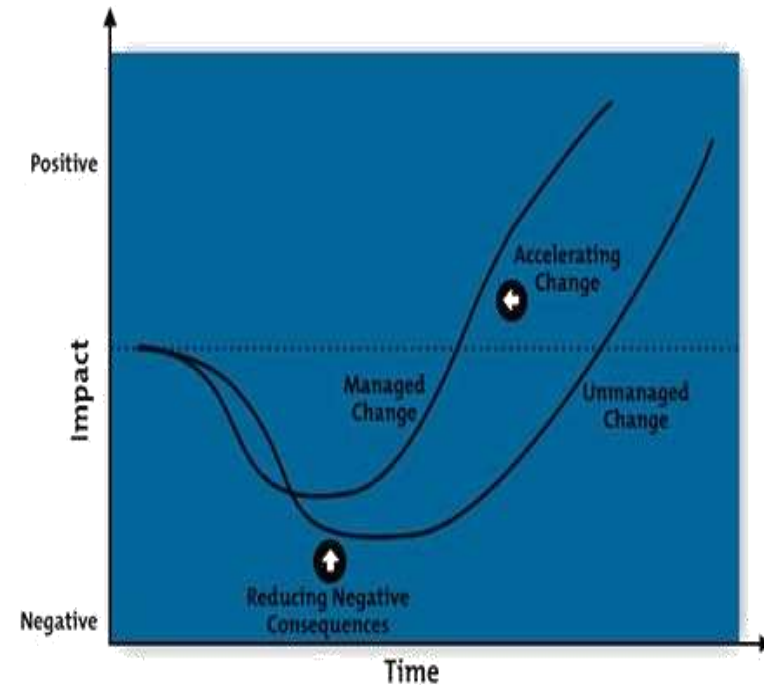


# Project management is change management



# Change Management

- Major Challenge with change is knowing about it!
- It is the PMs responsibility to make every effort to trap any changes
- Once identified changes can be managed
- Most often the change is in expectations



# Change request forms

If you only get one document signed – make it this one!



Change Request		
Project:		Date:
Change Requestor:		Change No:
Change Category (Check all that apply):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Scope
<input type="checkbox"/> Testing Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Requirements/Deliverables
Does this Change Affect (Check all that apply):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrective Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Preventative Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Defect Repair
<input type="checkbox"/> Updates	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Describe the Change Being Requested:		
Describe the Reason for the Change:		
Describe all Alternatives Considered:		
Describe any Technical Changes Required to Implement this Change:		
Describe Risks to be Considered for this Change:		
Estimate Resources and Costs Needed to Implement this Change:		
Describe the Implications to Quality:		
Disposition:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	<input type="checkbox"/> Defer
Justification of Approval, Rejection, or Deferral:		
Change Board Approval:		
Name	Signature	Date

# Project health check

## steps

1. Set objectives of check
2. Decide who will take charge
3. Choose methodology
4. Carry out check
5. Present findings
6. Next steps

## elements

- What are you checking? which sections of project?
- What level of authority, do they know the project? Experience?
- Interviews, financial, workshops,
- Report, presentation, discussion

# Closing a project in 5 easy steps





# Lessons Learned Template

**What Went Well**


**Special Recognition**


**What Could Have Been Done Better**


**What Should Have Been Done Differently**


**Next Steps / Action Item**

**Suggested  
Timeframe**

**Responsible  
Person / Team**

**Action Taken**

<b>Next Steps / Action Item</b>	<b>Suggested Timeframe</b>	<b>Responsible Person / Team</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

# PROJECT CLOSURE CHECKLIST

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Close a project by ensuring that all obligations have been met

## 1. Contract Closure

- Are all contracts closed out?
- Suppliers?
- Sub-contractors?
- Donors?
- Others?
- Implementing organizations?
- Has the donor reviewed and accepted project deliverables?

## 2. Financial Closure

- Has all permitted funding been received from the donor?
- Have all receivables (project advances, travel advances, and advances to suppliers) been liquidated or transferred to another project number or accounting code?
- Have all payables been paid?

## 3. Administrative Closure

- Have project personnel been released or reassigned?
- Have the project equipment, vehicles, offices been reallocated? Sold? Transferred?
- Are project reports and closure documents complete?
- Are project archives and/or files up to date?

PIR





# PIR

Post implementation review: some questions

- Did the project fully solve the problem that it was designed to address?
- Can we take things further, and deliver even bigger benefits?
- What lessons did we learn that we can apply to future projects?

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Some tips

- Ask for openness
- Be objective
- Document success
- Look with hindsight
- Be future-focused
- Look at both positives and negatives

# Completion

- Always have a closure meeting and make it social
- Carefully control the agenda
- Lessons learned?
  - Review estimates
  - Review risks
  - Check all paper work completed  
(invoices paid?)
  - Have you left everything audit ready?
  - archiving
- Review dissemination plan, is it complete?



# Peak end effect

