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Learning Objectives

- · Define and discuss stakeholders and the most effective ways to communicate with them.
- · Explain the best ways to form a team.
- Describe how to build the most effective understanding of a project and how doing so relates to executing a project successfully.
- Explain how predictive and adaptive project life cycles work; explain what a hybrid development approach is.
 - Decide which kind of development approach or life cycle is best suited for work.

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Typical Project Stakeholders*



Can you categorize these stakeholders?

- Which are typically project team members?
 Which are not?
- Which are typically active in project work?





- End users
- Customers
- · Employees
- Organization
- Managers

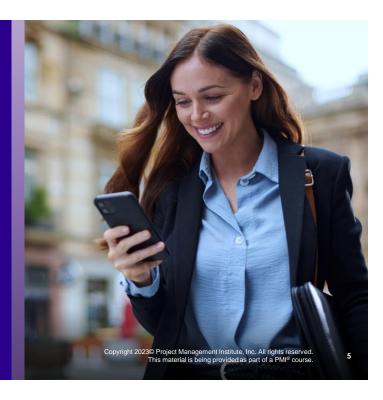
- Sponsors
- · Business partners
- Suppliers and contractors
- Government
- Community

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Stakeholder and Communications Management

Overview

- · Stakeholder register
- Stakeholder engagement plan
- · Communications management plan
- Stakeholder engagement assessment matrix (SEAM)
- · Assessment grids / matrices / models



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Stakeholder Identification

Who are they?

- Check the business case and benefits management plan for names
- Later, check the issue/impediments log, change log or requirements documents to see who else is needed or named

What's their relationship to the project?

- Interest
- Involvement
- · Interdependencies
- Influence
- · Potential impact on project success



Identify and engage stakeholders early to avoid surprises later in the project!

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Data Gathering

- · Questionnaires and surveys
- · Brainstorming

Data Analysis

- Stakeholder analysis What are their "stakes" in the project? i.e., interest, rights, ownership, knowledge, contribution
- · Document analysis

Data Representation

- · Two-dimensional (2D) grids
 - · Power/interest
 - · Power/influence
 - · Impact/influence
- 3D grid Stakeholder "cube"
- Salience model
- · Directions of influence

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Create the Stakeholder Register

- Capture and record important stakeholder information
- Factor in OPAs
- Update it! Describe the evolving relationship with stakeholders throughout the project

Contains the information necessary to execute the stakeholder engagement plan



- Refer to stakeholder registers from previous, similar projects for help
- Remember this is a public document, so ensure the information presented is appropriate

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Stakeholder Register



| | Name | Title | Internal / External | Project Role | Major Requirements | Expectations | Influence / Attitude |
|----|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------|
| 1 | Eugene Lowe | CEO | Internal | Sponsor | Successful completion | On-time completion, successful partnerships | Champion |
| 2 | Oasestown Municipality | | External | Government partner (liaison); funding contributor; owner of SLC site | Successful completion of facility and partnership; | Accountability | Supporter |
| 3 | Kara Black | Principal, Oases Architects | External | Partner, designer, specialist knowledge (conservation building) | Clear design brief, successful partnership | Fluid funding and communication, design autonomy | Champion |
| 4 | Josie Bynoe | Chair, BOD | Internal | Direct strategic local partnerships for Shawpe | Environmental sustainability of project work; "moral rights" | No damage to Oasestown conservation district or environs | Resistor |
| 5 | Helen Grey | Lead, business development | Internal | Product owner | High profile tenants, excellent community and conservation credentials | Organizational learning; leadership opportunity | Neutral |
| 6 | Hasan Persaud | VP of Business Development | Internal | Portfolio owner | Capacity for ongoing revenue | End-user in Phase 3 | Neutral |
| 7 | Mandeep Chahal | VP of Finance | Internal | Budget controller | direct contact with funding partners | clear data | Neutral |
| 8 | Kei Leung | VP of Marketing | Internal | Marketing expert | elevation of brand | high quality tenants | Supporter |
| 9 | Tenants | | External | Income source | bespoke spaces | high quality | Neutral |
| 10 | Contractors | | External | Vendors - building | clear instructions, contract | | Neutral |
| 11 | Oasestown local residents | | External | Neighbors to project | Traffic and noise pollution management | no inconveniences | Resistor |
| 12 | Oasestown Community Partnership | | External | Community group operating in Oasestown | none | a free space in the SLC | Champion |

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Know Your Stakeholders Go Beyond Job Titles

| Power | Level of authority | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Interest | Level of concern about project outcomes | | | | | |
| Influence aka attitude or impact | Ability to influence project outcomes or cause changes to planning or execution Magnitude of potential contribution or disruption to project Use a descriptive term — e.g., champion, supporter, neutral, detractor | | | | | |



Tailor stakeholder assessments to suit project needs. The goal of this exercise is to facilitate your planning of effective communication with the stakeholders!

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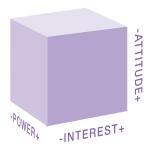
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Stakeholder Mapping

Use two dimensions to map stakeholders:

- · Power and interest grid
- · Power and influence grid
- · Impact and influence grid

Or use three dimensions – a **cube** – to refine the analysis further!





Method:

- Place each stakeholder on the grid (do not use names)
- Use the same quadrant labels, but change the axis labels

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You should understand the social network of project stakeholders, specifically the direction of their influence on the project.

| Upward | Parent organization — senior management (business, financial interests) | | | |
|----------|---|--|--|--|
| Downward | In the project hierarchy — team or specialists | | | |
| Outward | Have a "stake" in the project — client, end-user, external | | | |
| Sideward | Friendly or competitive for resources — project manager's peers, other organizational departments | | | |

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Salience Model



Focus on the **product owner** role. Are they
familiar, interested and
engaged enough with
the project to make
decisions and move the
project forward?



URGENCY

- Level of required attention/detail
- · Time constraints
- · High stakes

LEGITIMACY

Appropriate involvement
Or proximity, as applied to
team stakeholders,
indicating level of
involvement with project
work

POWER

Level of authority

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Stakeholder Perceptions

- Must be holistically understood in customer-centric project management approaches
- Can be damaging to a project, whether they are negative or positive



Why do you think it's important to understand both positive and negative stakeholder perceptions of your project?



Capture Stakeholder Feedback and Perceptions



- Interpersonal skills
- · Active listening
- Emotional intelligence
- Effective communication methods

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Key stakeholders

 Interview to understand project requirements and vision and communication preferences



All stakeholders

· Appropriate, regular project communications



Large and public groups

- · Questionnaires/surveys
- Facilitated conversations/sessions online or in person
- Digital media email campaigns, websites, group chats
- Posters and advertising

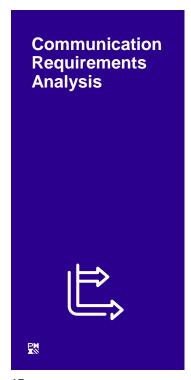
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Stakeholder engagement plan identifies required management strategies to effectively engage stakeholders.

Team fulfills strategies via communications described in the communications management plan.

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- Leads to a clear articulation of the stakeholders' communications needs
- Enables effective choices about communication topics, frequency, models and technologies
- Output is a grid, questionnaire or survey that documents the communication and technology requirements for each stakeholder

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Communication: Methods and Technologies



Do you use any other communication methods or techniques on your projects?

Are there types your organization does not allow? Why?

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Meetings/verbal

- · Physical (face to face)
- · Virtual (videoconferencing)
- · Phone call

Digital/electronic media

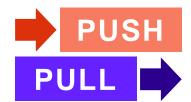
- · Websites and social media
- Instant/text messaging via phone or platform
- · Email or fax

Physical

- · Body language and gestures
- · White boards

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Communication Methods



Push — sender determines:

- Send an email
- · Make a phone call

Pull — receiver determines:

- · Post information on team board
- Store reference documents in electronic repository — e.g., SharePoint



- Conversation (speaking on the phone, virtual, in-person)
- · Messaging
- Workshops/collaboration
- Whiteboarding
 Agile teams are colocated



whenever possible so that they can be highly collaborative.

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Communication Challenges / Considerations



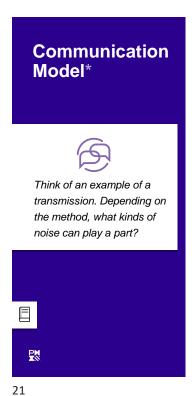
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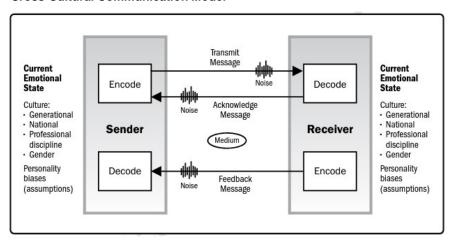
- · Urgency of need for information
- · Availability and reliability of technology
- · Ease of use
- Project environment e.g., language and formality
- · Sensitivity and confidentiality of information
- Communications OPAs e.g., social media protocols
- · Data protection laws/regulations
- · Accessibility requirements

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Cross-Cultural Communication Model



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Stakeholder Engagement Strategy



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- Involve stakeholders
- Enable appropriate management strategies
- Create and maintain relationships



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Example Stakeholder Engagement Assessment Matrix (SEAM)





Tailor labels for stakeholder levels of engagement to your context, team or organization.

Don't use names on the matrix – refer to stakeholders by number.

| Stakeholder | Unaware | Resistant | Neutral | Supportive | Leading |
|-------------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|
| 1 | | | | D | С |
| 2 | | | | С | D |
| 3 | | | С | D | |
| 4 | | | С | D | |
| 5 | | С | D | | |
| 6 | | | | С | D |

C - Current engagement level | D - Desired engagement level

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• Evaluate engagement needs for stakeholders (1.9.1)

2.4 Engage stakeholders

- Analyze stakeholders (power interest grid, influence, impact) (2.4.1)
- · Categorize stakeholders (2.4.2)
- Develop, execute and validate a strategy for stakeholder engagement (2.4.4)

2.2 Manage communications

- Analyze communication needs of all stakeholders (2.2.1)
- Determine communication methods, channels, frequency and level of detail for all stakeholders (2.2.2)







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Create a Collaborative Team Culture

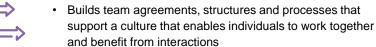


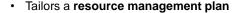
How do you think a collaborative team culture can be created in a hybrid approach? Give some examples!

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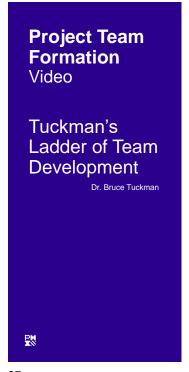






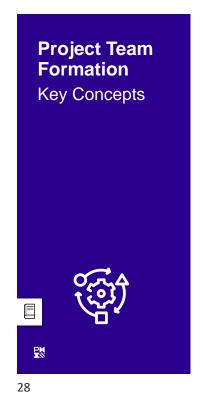
 The team assembles and self-organizes to support project requirements.

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Self-organizing team: A **cross-functional team** in which people fluidly assume leadership as needed to achieve the team's objectives.

Servant leadership: The practice of leading the team by focusing on understanding and addressing the needs and development of team members in order to enable the highest possible team performance.



These concepts can be applied in any kind of project team.

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Project Manager Role in Adaptive Teams



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Leadership and management models:

- Centralized: All team members practice leadership activities and accountability is usually assigned to one individual, such as the project manager or similar role (team lead).
- Distributed: One project team member (may shift) serves as facilitator to enable communication, collaboration and engagement on accountable tasks.



If a team is self-organizing, is a project manager needed?

- If not, which of these models works best?
- If yes, what does that role look like?

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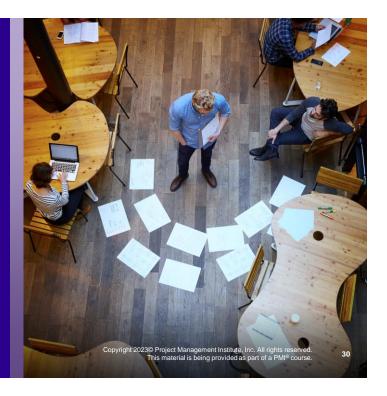
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Hybrid Team Formation Example

Centralized coordination by a project manager or team lead and selforganized project teams for portions of the work



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Project Team Composition

- · Refers to team's makeup and how team members are brought together
- · Varies based on organizational culture, location and scope
- · Can be full-time or part-time members
- Includes varied knowledge and expertise i.e., generalists and specialists

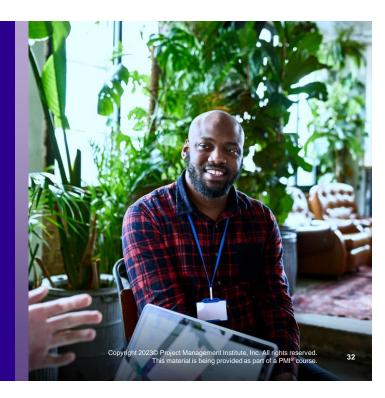
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Project Team Roles

- Project management staff
- Project work staff
- Supporting experts
- Business partners



Identify Project Resource Requirements Guidelines

Provision team members, external contractors and suppliers and physical and intangible assets:

- · Ensure relevant skill sets
- Avoid single points of failure e.g., a single resource has a required skill
- · Create cross-functional teams
- Use generalizing specialists, or T-shaped people, whenever possible to support other areas of the project
- Ensure appropriate physical resources and other requirements e.g., equipment and access rights

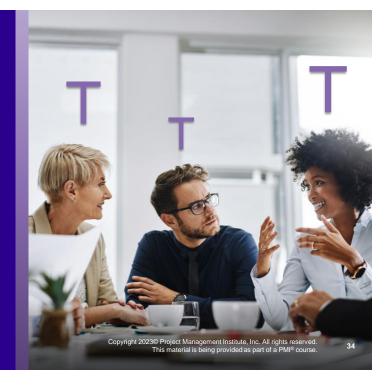
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T-Shaped People and Self-Organizing Teams

- Provide individual value and versatility on project teams
- · Lend flexibility to organizations
- Help avoid key resource shortages or work stoppages due to availability
- Train and coach team members to become Tshaped, combining breadth and depth of knowledge



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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Standards

- Teams are global and diverse in culture, gender, physical ability, language and many other factors.
- The project environment optimizes the team's diversity and builds a climate of mutual trust.



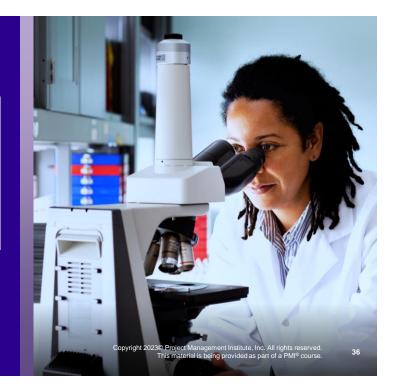
Experts and Expert Judgment

People from other areas of the organization

- Consultants
- Stakeholders
- Professional and technical associations
- Historical data
- · Project manager



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Focus on Team Strengths

- · Organize around team strengths
- · Be aware of weaknesses
- Identify threats to team success and opportunities to improve team performance



SWOT analysis



Team Norms

- Together, establish expected team behaviors at the beginning of the project
- · Enable teams to handle challenges later
- · Include guidelines and techniques for:
 - Meetings
 - · Communications
 - Conflict management
 - · Shared values
 - · Decision-making
- Align team values with the PMI Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

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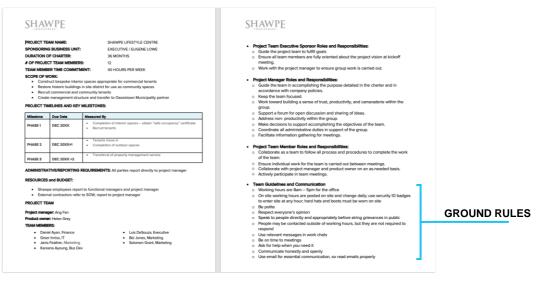




- A document electronic or paper, or a poster of the ground rules
- · Created together with the team
- Includes:
 - · Shared values
 - · Behavior guidelines
 - · Guidelines for communications and use of tools
 - · Decision-making guidelines
 - · Performance expectations
 - Conflict-resolution measures
 - · Meeting time, frequency, and channel
 - Other team agreements e.g., shared hours, improvement activities

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Team Charter Example



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Team Communication

- Effective communication includes:
 - Verbal
 - Written
 - Behavioral
 - Physical (notice boards)
 - Virtual

- Include communication expectations and details in the team charter
- Organize communications:
 - Facilitate team and stakeholder collaboration Manage expectations
 - Check regularly to make sure it's working!
 - Plan and use retrospectives to discuss communications improvements

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Virtual Team*

- "Normal" in most workplaces
- Create opportunities for the organization:
 - · Better skills at lower costs
 - Avoids relocation expenses
 - Work/life balance
- Rely on communication technology
- · May have bonding challenges

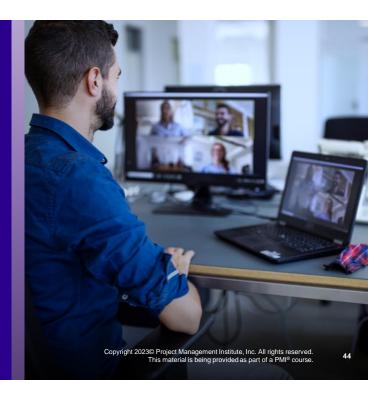
Colocated Team*

- · Interaction is easy
- · Better bonding is facilitated
- Use of physical tools, collaboration and boards possible

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Virtual Team Challenges

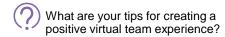
- · Individual performance tracking
- · Diversity language, technological skill
- Solo working prohibits bonding

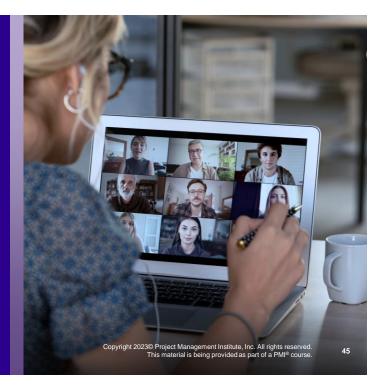


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Running Virtual Teams

- Check in with people individually as often as possible
- Conduct positive network-building activities





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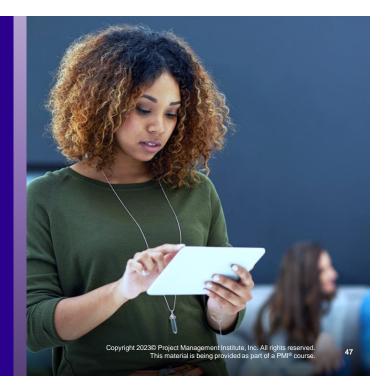


Address Virtual Team Member Needs

Facilitate and ensure collaboration as a priority

Address the basic needs of a virtual team, including:

- Cohesion
- Shared goals
- · Clear purpose
- Clarity on roles and expectations



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1.4 Empower team members and stakeholders

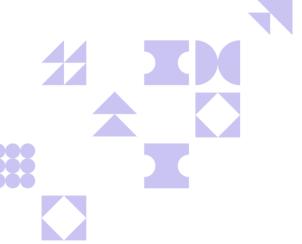
• Organize around team strengths (1.4.1)

2.16 Ensure knowledge transfer for project continuity

- Discuss project responsibilities within team (2.16.1)
- Outline expectations for working environment (2.16.2)

1.11 Engage and support virtual teams

- Examine virtual team member needs (e.g., environment, geography, culture, global, etc.) (1.11.1)
- Investigate alternatives (e.g., communication tools, colocation) for virtual team member engagement (1.11.2)



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Seek Consensus for the Project Among the Team and Stakeholders

- · Demonstrate leadership behaviors
- · Focus on value
- · Be a diligent, respectful and caring steward
- Navigate complexity
- · Embrace adaptability and resiliency

Create artifacts:

- · Project charter
- · Project vision statement

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Building a Shared Understanding Guidelines

- Share the project agreements (vision statement and project charter) with stakeholders and the team
- Agree or negotiate to reach agreement and "buy-in":
 - Project agreements stakeholders
 - Roles and responsibilities, priorities and assignments team
- Uphold the agreements throughout the project
- (i)

Use open and reliable communication methods and your leadership "power skills"

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Project Vision Statement

- · Created by project sponsor or executive
- Includes a clear vision of the desired objectives and alignment with the organization's strategic goals
- · Refer to it throughout the project to maintain alignment

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Holistic Understanding of the Project Negotiation Goals

First, find out...

- · The boundaries of negotiation for the project agreement
 - · What, if anything, is eligible for discussion or troubleshooting
- · The desired objectives of the project

Then:

- · Apply critical thinking and business acumen
- Discover how the project fits in the organizational landscape and business objectives

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How to Create a Holistic Understanding of the Project

- Ask stakeholders to elaborate and clarify their vision or inputs, including asking the sponsor to clarify the vision statement!
- Existing agreements may contain initial intentions for, or describe, a project:
 - Contracts with external parties
 - Memorandums of understanding (MOUs)
 - · Service-level agreements (SLAs)
 - Letters of agreement or intent
 - Verbal agreements
 - · Communication (especially emails) between key stakeholders
 - Statements of work (SOW)

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Refer to Business Case and Business Needs

Business case:

- · A documented economic feasibility study
- · Establishes benefits of project work
- · Provides a basis for authorization of further project activities

Business needs documents:

- · Identifies high-level deliverables
- · A prerequisite of a formal business case
- Describes requirements what needs creating and/or performing

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Negotiate and Agree on Project Success Criteria



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- Interview stakeholders
- · Gather expert judgment on technical success criteria
- · Check:
 - Organizational (program, operations) key performance indicators (KPIs)
 - · Lessons learned and historical data
 - · Quality policy
 - User acceptance testing (UAT) requirements



- · Reporting and verification criteria for objectives
- · Identification of deliverable and objective acceptance criteria for each



• A definition of done (DoD) may be specified for the project, in addition to iteration outputs

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- Use interpersonal and leadership "power skills" and open communication channels with stakeholders and team members
- · Get creative with agile methods!



- A product box exercise to internalize the vision from the customer's point of view and emphasize product/project value
 - Example: Here is why Oasestown residents will choose to spend their time and money at SLC (followed by explanation of what it offers to customers)



- The XP metaphor technique explains a complex idea in simple, familiar terms, using common language and vocabulary
 - Example: SLC is the living room of Oasestown!

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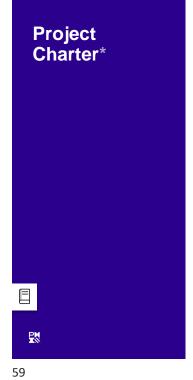
Got Agreement on the Project Agreements?



There is no single way to create a **project charter**, but every project needs to have one!



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What it does and why it's important:

- · Authorizes project
- · Enables project manager to apply resources to project work
- · Defines rationale and business need
- · Verifies alignment with strategic goals
- · Keeps everyone focused on a clear project vision
 - Usually created by project sponsor or project manager with executive/stakeholder approval. Sometimes a statement of work can serve as project charter.

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Project Charter Contents

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What's included:

- Names project sponsor, project manager, key stakeholders
- Project description, including preliminary requirements, measurable objectives
- Business needs, including financial goals or milestones
- · Summary schedule and milestones
- Assumptions, boundaries and constraints, including overall risk, approval requirements and approved budget
- Information from the business case, including success and exit criteria

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Kickoff Meeting

Purpose

- Establishes project context
- Assists in team formation
- Aligns team and stakeholders with project vision

Organizational/Public

- Announce project initiation
- Share understanding of high-level vision, purpose and value
- Identify sponsor, key stakeholders and project manager
- Include high-level items from the project charter

Internal/Team - held after agreements are finalized

- Give project charter overview
- Clarify team member roles and responsibilities (may include the initial team charter)



- Present results of planning efforts
- Initiate product backlog
- Present product roadmap

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1.2 Lead a team

• Set a clear vision and mission (1.2.1)

1.8 Negotiate project agreements

- Analyze the bounds of the negotiation for agreement (1.8.1)
- Assess priorities and determine ultimate objective(s) (1.8.2)
- Participate in agreement negotiations (1.8.4)
- Determine a negotiation strategy (1.8.5)

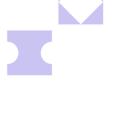
1.10 Build shared understanding

- Survey all necessary parties to reach consensus (1.10.2)
- Support outcome of parties' agreement (1.10.3)

1.12 Define team ground rules

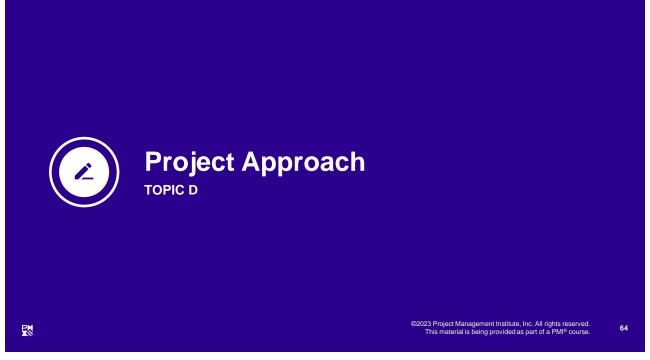
- Communicate organizational principles with team and external stakeholders (1.12.1)
- Establish an environment that fosters adherence to ground rules (1.12.2)





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First, Understand How and Why Approaches Differ

- Changing perceptions of value e.g., sustainability, customer-centricity
- · Dynamic and perpetual global change
- Increasing complexity and risk
- Need to innovate and be dynamic



Which project management frameworks do you use?
Do you have a preference?

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Tailored Development Approaches

- Support dynamic work environments
- Discover value delivery requirements early
- · Put stakeholders and the team in close collaboration

Advantages:

- Provide better feature or capability assessment continuous improvement and quality
- · Improve organizational tolerance for change

Servant leaders influence projects and encourage the organization to think differently.

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Project Management Development Approaches

| | Characteristics | Certainty About Requirements | Change and Risk |
|------------|--|---|--|
| | Plan-driven Linear sequence of activities, in phases Phase completion governed by phase gates | High, from beginning | Change possible, but controlled Risks carefully studied and managed |
| (金) | Change-driven Iterative or incremental Timeboxed cadence (iterations/sprints) or continuous flow | Unclear or customer- driven, so needs further discovery | Built on assumption of high degree of change High tolerance of risk with guardrails for risk management |
| Log Log | Tailored development approach, combining these elements | | |

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Project or Product?

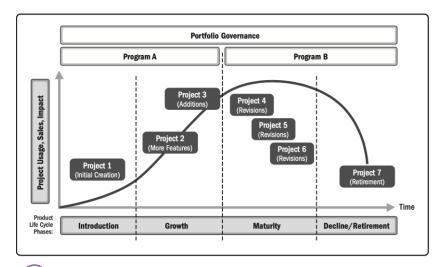
A product is part of a project; products have their own **life cycles**.

Product management

represents a **key integration point** within program and
project management.

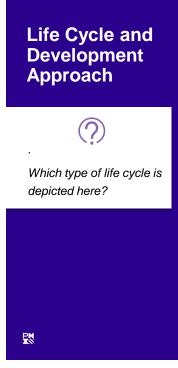
Product owners are responsible for maximizing the value of the product and accountable for the end product.



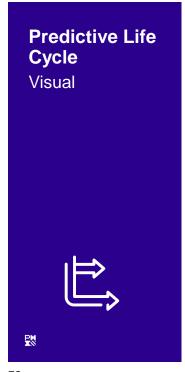


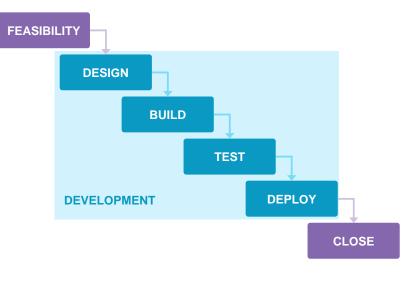
Can you explain why projects often have both a project manager and a product owner?

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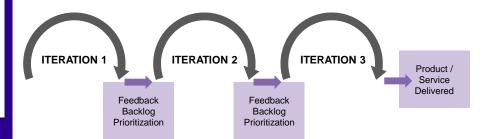
Note the iterations on the graphic, then describe how this life cycle uses an incremental approach.



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Initial Project and Product Vision



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Cadence

Refers to the timing and frequency of delivery of project deliverables.

- **Single:** One delivery at the end of the project
- **Multiple:** Delivery separated into parts, not necessarily sequentially
- Periodic: Like multiple deliveries, but on a fixed schedule — e.g., monthly or bimonthly

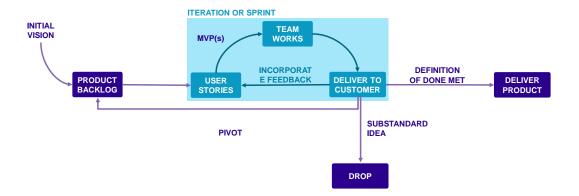
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Cadence can be time-boxed with sprints/iterations or a continuous flow.

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Development Approach and Life Cycle Terminology Quiz

- Deliverable
- Development approach
- Phases
- Life cycle



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Project professionals use a <u>development approach</u> or method, which can be predictive, iterative, incremental, adaptive, or hybrid, to create and evolve a <u>deliverable</u>, which is a unique and verifiable product, result, or capability to perform a service.

A project passes through a series of logically related activities, called **phases** from its start to its completion. This entire process is called a **life cycle**.

Acceptance of a <u>deliverable</u> is required to complete a process, phase, or project.

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Hybrid Life Cycle and Development Approach



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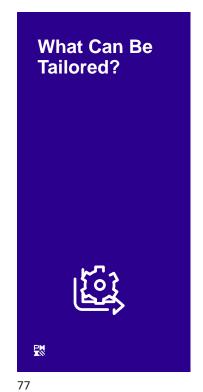
- · Accomplished by tailoring
- Combines adaptive and predictive life cycles and/or development approaches
- · Useful when requirements are uncertain or risky
- Also useful when deliverables can be modularized, or when deliverables can be developed by different project teams
- · Uses iterative and incremental development

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Hybrid Project Approaches: Examples

- Use agile or iterative practices within a predictive framework
- Use predictive artifacts or processes within an adaptive life cycle
- Business analysis techniques assist with requirements management
- New tools help identify complex elements in projects
- Organizational change management methods prepare for transitioning project outputs into the organization

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- · Project life cycle
- Development life cycle components
- Way of working (WoW)
- Knowledge management
- · Change management
- · Project governance
- · Benefits management

Development Approaches

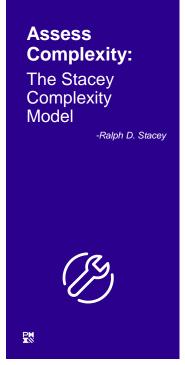
Guidance and **Probing** Questions

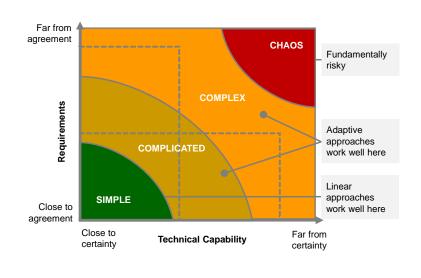
- · Deliverable type and the development approach influence the number and cadence for project deliveries.
- The development approach and the desired delivery cadence determine the project life cycle and its phases.
- · How much unplanned work?
- · How does the team prefer to work?
- · What cadence suits our work?
- · What does the customer want? Is incremental value delivery even important to them?
- · What's our schedule? Do we want a steadier, building approach or a faster pace?
- · What's our risk appetite/threshold?
- Are sprints helpful?

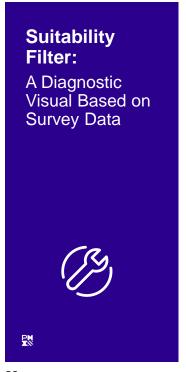
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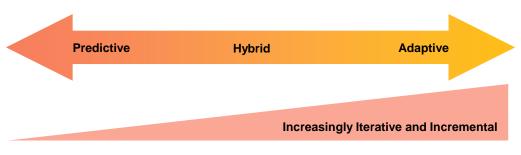








Development Approaches



- · Compatible with each other
- · Used in hybrid and adaptive projects
- Break down development cycle to enable early value delivery

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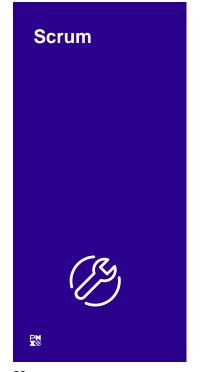
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Iterative Way of Working: Video



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- This is a commonly used agile framework that offers suggestions for how work can be organized to maximize value to the end user.
- Scrum is implemented at a product development team level.
- Roles include a scrum master/senior scrum master who facilitates ceremonies (meetings); iterations are called sprints.
- Remember that Agile frameworks focus on influencing the entire organization, including leadership and company culture.

Scrum Ceremonies Overview

Sprint planning

- · Team collaborates with product owner to plan work for current sprint
- · Scrum master/senior scrum master facilitates

· Daily scrum

- · Short, daily meeting of team only
- Team members describe work, ask for help, consider progress toward goal
- · Not a status meeting

· Sprint review - can include Demo

- · Held at end of sprint
- Team, product owner and stakeholders attend, or customers review progress and give feedback to adapt product

· Sprint retrospective

· Team identifies improvements to performance and collaboration

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Agile Ceremonies



We've discussed the ceremonies over the last few slides. Do you use them in your organization? How effective do they seem to be to you?

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• **Product strategy meeting** – product owner shares product vision

· Daily standup or standup

- · Team status meeting
- · 5 to 15 minutes, timeboxed
- · Not necessarily daily

· Backlog refinement

· Product owner prioritizes items on backlog

· Project retrospective

- · Held at the end of a project to review work and processes
- · Like lessons learned

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ECO Coverage





2.13 Determine appropriate project methodology/ methods and practices

- Assess project needs, complexity and magnitude (2.13.1)
- Recommend project execution strategy (e.g., contracting, financing) (2.13.2)
- Recommend a project methodology/approach (i.e., predictive, adaptive, hybrid) (2.13.3)

