

Project

A project is a unique and temporary endeavour to achieve a specific goal. It involves development of new product / system.

It is a group of tasks that are carried out to reach a clear result.

Also defined as set of input & output to achieve a goal.

Output is a unique product | service | Result. They end when goal is achieved.

Operations

work done in org to sustain business.

Program set of related objects managed in a coordinated way.

For complex projects, project is broken to sub-project in which one can organise the implementation of some specific objective for larger project.

Project Attributes

Unique, temporary, Require Resources such as people, new, new, assets, Deadline, Objective, Customer Response

management of a w development project
Involves creation of project to create ~~congrat~~,
product / Service.

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SPM

Art & science of planning and leading
S/w project.

It is integration of Management
techniques into S/w development

Started in 1960's.

Imp part of SE, involves planning,
executing, controlling S/w to
deliver high quality product on time
& within budget.

Three Need:

Time, Cost, Quality

Key Aspects: Lifecycle

- Program initiation
→ Define objective & scope,
rev, prepare plan.

- Project Planning

Detailed plan outlining tasks, timelines,
Cost Estimation, Risks, etc

- Project Scheduling

Schedule tasks & Allocate Resources

- Resource & Risk Management

Lifecycle - Stage a project go through till completion
each phase has its characteristics, activities & deliverables.
Helps to guide project progress. Provide structure

- Communication & Reporting
- Closure & Evaluation
- Documentation
- Delivery.

Initiation Plan
Execution
Monitor & Control
Closure

Effective SPM is needed for delivery
of good s/w that meet user req'
as a combination of tech skills, leadership,
etc.

S/w are 'invisible'

Risk of technology & data
S/w Project

- specific to s/w
- Not tangible
- Not clearly defined
- No fixed production
- Easily customize
- Easy to copy & distribute

Risk of safety, env
Other Project

Broad term
Tangible
Define
fixed prod
Requires efforts
NOT

longer
Ex - Construction,

Manufacturing,
Research

May / May not

Include coding
Importance

Complexity Management : Some projects are very complex SPM is needed to carry them smoothly in dynamic env

Characteristic of project
obj, scope (features / func), timeframe, resources,
budget, quality, risk, comm, documentation

- Resource Allocation : Resources (time, human effort, budget) should be used to full potential
 - Meet Deadlines, Manage lost
 - Risk Mitigation : Every P/W involves risks such as technology changes, scope changes, ^{new} market req., etc.
 - Adapt Changes .
P/W provide structural Approach to tackle these .
- P/W → Delivery : on time delivery
See Objective & Principles

PROJECT MANAGER

A professional responsible for overseeing all aspects of project from initiation to completion.

They are essential to manage skills, allocate resources, effective comm under team & stakeholder, & ensure that project is completed within budget & delivered with high quality

Role

- Leader → lead team & give direction
- Medium → b/w client & team
- Mentor → in Right direction

Focus on Quality, Communicates,
Manage Budget

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- Manage Risks & issues
 - Planning & sequencing
 - Report & Monitor Progress
 - Modify Plan acc to need. + listen to feedback
 - Solve internal problems
 - Manage Budget
- Principle
- 1) Clear Obj 2) effective Planning
 - 2) Risk Management 3) Monitoring
 - 5) Adaptability 6) Improvement

Tools & Techniques

Tools

- 1) Software Management Application: for planning
- 2) Product Roadmap : Track updates
- 3) Analytical tools - see how people use
- 4) version control : keep track of changes
- 5) Customer feedback Tool:

Techniques

- 1) Market Research
- 2) A/B testing : version testing
- 3) User performance
- 4) Usability testing
- 5) Prioritization techniques

Spw Project Scheduling.

Process of planning & organising tasks, resources, & timelines required to successfully complete a software development project.

It is a crucial aspect of SPM to carry out specific activities in lifecycle.

Key Steps:

- **Task identification** → identify all tasks req for project including planning, execution, testing, doc, deployment
- **Task Sequencing** → Identify dependencies & arrange them
- **Task dependencies** → as one task may rely on other
- **Resource Allocation to Each task**
- **Duration Estimation** to complete task
- **Critical Path Analysis**
- **Monitor & Control**

- Compliance
- Risk Management

It is imp for meeting project deadline, & budget changes with time under all circumstances.

Estimation

Objective of estimation is to provide a structured & systematic approach to determine expected cost, resource & timeline.

It is imp for 5 reasons

Budgeting, Resource Management, Risk Management, Scope Definition, Project Scheduling.

- It include h/w & licensing cost also
- Quality Assurance - to plan things acc to quality.

↳ other points in next

WORK Breakout Structure

It is a project management tool that takes step by step approach to complete large projects

It involves breaking down project to smaller component & combine to form a solution

WBS can integrate scope, cost, & deliverables into single tool.

- Include dividing complex problem to simpler manageable, independent tasks
- Top Down Approach
- Performed By project manager & Subject Matter Expert.

→ Root of tree is labelled by Project Name

Structure

- Level 1 (Big Picture) → Name of Project
- Level 2 → diff major phase of Project
ex - planning, designing, testing
- Level 3 → getting specific to each phase
- Level 4 → Sometimes we need more details So break them into more simpler tasks.

why WBS is imp?

It helps everyone involved in project to understand what exactly they should do. It serves as a clear map that guides the team.

It helps with:

- Organisation → makes project easier to manage because you know what happens at each level
- Planning → to plan how long each task takes
- Responsibility → who is in charge of which task
- Tracking

NW Planning Model

scheduling / managing complex tasks

It is scheduling project activities & their relationship as a nw. In this time flows from left to right

It is essential technique for project management for scheduling & controlling activities. They provide visual representation of tasks, their dependencies, their critical path, helping project manager to understand flow, timelines, & make informed decision.

This is done by drawing diagrams.

It uses graphic representation of activities & events to visualize sequence of tasks to complete a project.

CPM

CRITICAL PATH METHOD

deterministic model for scheduling also called critical path analysis is a network diagramming technique used to predict total project duration

A critical path for a project is the series of activities that determine the earliest time by which project can be completed

- ⇒ No of activities are fixed.
- ⇒ It is the longest path through the network diagram and has least amount of slack or float (the amount of an activity can be delayed without delaying succeeding activity).

It helps to determine most crucial tasks, dependency b/w tasks & shortest time needed to complete a task.

~~Planned~~

Activity oriented structure

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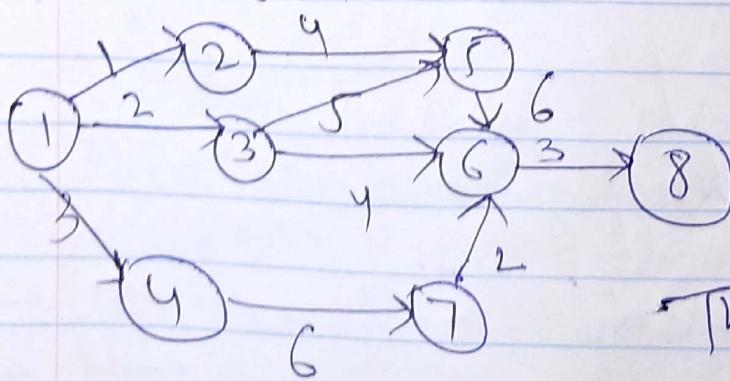
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Key concepts in CPM:

- 1) Tasks & Activities - individual jobs/work need to be done to complete the project. Each task has a defined duration & may have dependencies on others.
- 2) Dependencies - tasks are connected by dependencies, which indicate order in which they should be carried out.
 - Finish to Start - B cannot start until A finishes
 - Start to Finish - B cannot finish till A starts
 - Start to Start - B can't start till A starts
 - Finish to Finish - B can't finish till A finishes
- 3) Duration - estimated time to complete

Working

CPM work by first creating an NBS diagram based on NBS. CP involves duration of all activities



longest path is
1, 3, 5, 6, 8 = 16 days.

This is Critical Path.

longest Path with greatest time

Benefit

- Efficient Scheduling - schedule more conveniently by identifying shortest pattern.
- Visibility - It provides a clear visual representation of tasks.
- Risk Management - Project Managers can focus on tasks & plan better.
- Resource Allocation - ensure tasks has all resources at time of start.
- Project Control - for better adjustment & progress.

PERT

Program Evaluation & Review Technique

Network Project Planning Model developed in 1950's for handle complex project used when there is uncertainty in task duration. Particularly useful for projects with more interdependent tasks where one task may take longer time due to unforeseen task factors.

Network diagram in this are referred to as PERT Charts.

It uses probabilistic time estimates i.e. duration estimates Optimistic, pessimistic instead of being specific as in CPM.

$$\text{PERT weight avg} = \text{Optimistic time} + 4 \times \text{most likely time} + \text{pessimistic time}$$

Key Aspects

Task Duration: Each task is assigned 3 duration

- Optimistic (O) shortest possible time task take
- Most Likely time (M) - best estimate under normal condition
- Pessimistic - longest time it could take

- Expected time - of each task by using weight & avg $O + 4M + P / 6$
- Variance - how much the actual duration of a task is likely to differ from expected. $[P - O / 6]^2$
- Network diagram $\circ \rightarrow$ - event
→ tasks.

Critical Path → Sequence of tasks that take longest time to complete

Benefits

- Uncertainty Management - PERT is excellent for uncertain tasks, help to handle problems
- Resource Allocation - Consider Resource constraints help also care Resource
- Probability Assessment - for better understanding of deadline
- Complex Project Management - Task Management

Optimistic Estimation : When estimating task duration optimistically, project manager assume that the task will be completed quickly & smoothly with no delays **shorter**

Pessimistic Estimation : Calculates the longest time a project may take due to potential problems, delays, risks. Project Manager use this to identify backup plans against unexpected difficulties.

Realistic Estimate - PM often uses a realistic or most likely estimations which falls between optimistic & pessimistic.

CPM

Used to manage certain (where time is known) activities

PERT

uncertain

Deterministic Model

Activity Oriented i.e. diagram constructed on basis of activities.

Probability Model

Event Oriented i.e. diagram constructed on basis of event

For Repetitive natured jobs.

Unrepetitive

Formal defined tasks

for undefined tasks

Assumes fixed task duration

not fixed

Primarily focus on task scheduling

on Resource Scheduling as central

Calculation of Expected time not applicable

Calculated by weighted avg of O, M, P. PAM TO

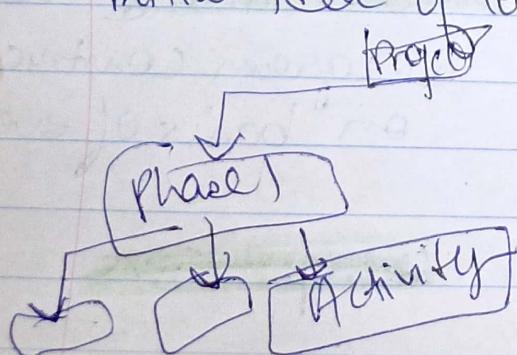
Less flexible in accommodating uncertainty

more flexible in handling uncertainty

TOP DOWN APPROACH

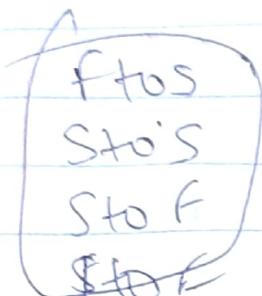
To start effort estimation begins by defining high level objective & scope of project & then breaking up components in hierarchical structure (WBS).

The estimate of each task added to get an initial idea of total effort needed.



PDM

Precedence Diagramming Method is a n/w diagramming technique in which boxes represent activities. It is particularly useful for visualizing certain types of time relationships.



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To represent logical relationship b/w activity using n/w diagram

Use PDM when:

- Complex Task Dependencies : with multi dependency or constraint
- Logical Relationship
- Resource Scheduling : to see which tasks can run parallel based on dependencies .

Initiation

- Define purpose, goal, Obj
- Identify roles

Planning

Detailed Plan

Visual Representation

Cost Estimation, Resource Allocation

Execution

Put Plan to action

Assigned member start their role

Resources used effectively

Monitor Control

Ensure that team remains on goal to complete target

Track progress against plan

Manage scope

Close

Complete all project deliverables

Create a documentation

Check everything & deliver project on time.

PDM

To plan & schedule task in a project

Process of showing logical relationship b/w tasks of a project

It helps to identify which task need to be completed before starting next

We use arrows to connect tasks showing dependencies

Explain

FtoF, S to S, F to S, S to F,

Element

i) Task dependency - FS, FF, SS, SF.

PDM is all about showing how diff tasks depend on each other

ii) Nodes & Arrows

tasks are boxes & dependencies are arrows connecting tasks.

Advantages

- Clarity
- Complex Project
- Resource allocation
- Critical Path
- Scheduling Flexibility

CPM in PDM → longest path of tasks in timeline

Gantt Chart

IS a visual project Management tool used to plan, schedule & track tasks & activities over time

It provides a timeline view of project showing when task start & finish, their dependencies & how they progress.

Widely used for various industries for planning & management

Effort Estimation

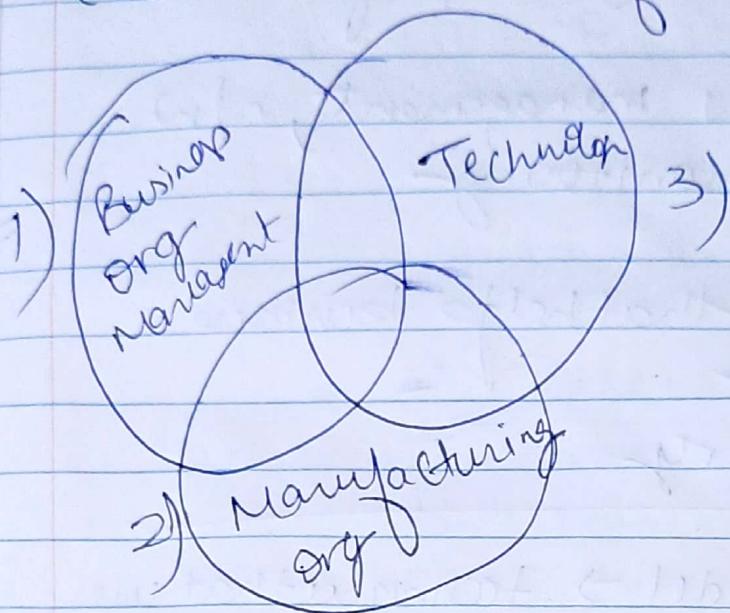
Critical process that helps project managers, dev to understand resources req to complete a software project successfully. It involves predicting amt of work, measured in person hour days to complete project. Accurate effort estimation is essential for planning, resource allocation, budget management, etc.

Methods:
Expert Judgement (expert make a
Analogous Est (uses historical data with similar
Parametric model (previous ans is used, math eq)
Bottom-up (break into smaller comp
smaller aggregated)

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3 Sphere Model

conceptual framework that represent interconnectedness of 3 element of an org



- 1) It involves planning, organising, leading & controlling business activities to achieve goals & objectives
 - it represent top level concerns of system
 - It encompasses strategic planning, defining budget, ensuring rules & regulations.
 - By Business decision are made.
- 2) Manufacturing or Operation organisation.
Actual work happens here. Other services are provided
 - focus is on production & operational aspects
 - Create & deliver product of good quality

Technology Sphere
Concerned with technical aspects
of managing IT system / infrastructure

Cover h/w & s/w management, n/w
management & monitoring.

Gadgets & tools that help business
Run smoothly
Ex - Machinery

Parametric Model → technique that use
mathematical model to estimate project attributes
such as cost, time, effort^{resources}, etc. Also called
Parametric Estimation Model. It use maths
& historical data to make estimates considering
parameters & characteristics.

Ex - To make a cake, parametric modelling consider
ingredients & time (recipe) to make cake to predict

These model can be quite accurate when
parameters are well defined & historical
data is relevant

Ex - COCOMO model