

IS221: Project Management

WEEK-01: Introduction To Projects

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Definitions

Definition (Project)

"A temporary endeavour undertaken to create a unique product or service."

PMBOK

Definition (Project)

"An endeavor in which human (or machine), materials, financial and knowledge resources are organized in a novel way, to undertake a unique scope of work of given specification, within constraints of cost and time, so as to deliver quantitative, qualitative, and consumer-oriented product and service."

Turner



Definitions

Definition (Project)

"as a related set of activities and milestones with a preset goal and time frame that is designed as a specific event and not an ongoing process."

Bridgefield group

Definition (Project)

a single use plan to achieve a certain objective of introducing something unique or a change and ensure that progress is maintained in line with the objective, generally in terms of time, cost, and various technical and quality performance parameters.

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Important Aspects of Project

the following are the important aspects of a project:

- Starting date
- Specific goals and conditions
- Defined responsibilities
- **Budget**
- Planning
- Fixed end date
- Parties involved



Definitions

Definition (Project Management)

"the application of knowledge, skills, tools and techniques to project activities in order to meet stakeholder's needs and expectations from a project."

PMBOK

Definition (Project Management)

" the process of integrating everything that needs to be done (typically using a number of special project management techniques) as the project evolves through its life cycle [from concept to handover] in order to meet the project's objectives. "

Peter Moms



Project Management Environment

Projects are affected by a wide range of stakeholders and issues

- Stakeholders (all interested parties)
- Client / sponsor's requirements
- Your company's organization structure
- Market requirements
- Competitors
- New technology
- Rules and regulations
- Economic cycle.



Project Manager (PM)

Definition

A project manager is often a client representative and has to determine and implement the exact needs of the client based on knowledge of the firm he/she is representing.

Functions of Project Manager

- Developing a unique product or process and manage change.
- Identification of the need for project.
- Finding different alternatives of the project.
- Developing a plan of action.
- Training operators.



Project Manager (PM) Responsibilities

- 1 Establishment of quality assurance cell to control quality.
- 2 Incorporation of changes as and when needed while implementing project.
- 3 Selection of suitable equipment.
- 4 Finding suitable financial resources.
- 5 Assessment of alternatives and obtaining approval to proceed.
- 6 Measuring performance of the project.
- 7 Transfer of material, funds and settling all accounts after completion of project.



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Selection of a Project Manager

The selection of project manager depends on following points:

- Problem Solving Skills
- Personal Leadership Style
- Organizational Experience
- Skills and Knowledge
- Project Management Experience



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Project Management Team

Effective team members have some characteristics in common:

- They must be technically competent
- Senior members of the project team must be politically sensitive
- Members of the project team need a strong problem orientation
- Team members need a strong goal orientation
- Project workers need high self-esteem



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