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Assignment 2: PERT Draft

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- What does the acronym "PERT" stand for?
  The acronym PERT stands for Program Evaluation and Review Technique
- 2) How would you describe a PERT chart?

A PERT chart is a statistical model used in project management to lay out tasks and processes to clearly and logically lay them out in a way that makes the scope and flow of a project obvious. It uses nodes that represent a deliverable/project phases, and directional relations that represent time allotted for a given process to take place between phases of a project.

3) What is the purpose of this kind of chart?

A PERT chart is useful for explicitly defining dependencies, critical paths, and flow of a project. Gives the consumer, whether it be stakeholders or developers, a visual representation of the project scope and how processes should be carried out.

- 4) In point form, list and describe the **4 key components** that are depicted in a PERT chart.
  - Activities and milestones that are involved in completing a project
  - A network diagram that outlines how activities and milestones are connected
  - Estimated time between 2 activities and milestones before the next one will be complete
  - Critical path: determines the total calendar time required for the project
- 6) How many critical paths should there be in this PERT chart? Explain your answer. There should only be 1 critical path in this PERT chart. This is because the course is set over a defined period, so the tasks that take up that amount of time would be the critical path. The time that the course takes is pre-determined, so it makes sense that there would only be 1 critical path that is as long as that pre-determined time.
- 7)  $(1) \rightarrow (2) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow (4) \rightarrow (6) \rightarrow (7) \rightarrow (8) \rightarrow (9) \rightarrow (11) \rightarrow (12) \rightarrow (13) \rightarrow (14)$  $0 + 0 \quad 0 + 1 \quad 1 + 0 \quad 1 + 1 \quad 2 + 0 \quad 2 + 1 \quad 3 + 0 \quad 3 + 1 \quad 4 + 0 \quad 4 + 1 \quad 5 + 0 \quad = 5 wks$

