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Assignment 2: PERT Draft

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1. What does the acronym “PERT” stand for?

The acronym PERT stands for Program Evaluation and Review Technique

1. 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.

1. 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.

1. 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.

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