

Mini-Project 8: Small IT Project

Mini-Project Overview

Time Estimate: 2 hours

Most small businesses today, from restaurants to hair salons, have wi-fi access for both employees and customers. The problem in some cases is that these small business owners are not always IT-savvy, so they don't know what they need, who to hire to do the work, or how much to spend on it. Even after it has been deployed, there is the task of maintaining it and solving problems as they arise.

Project Submission Steps

You work for a small IT firm that performs basic IT work for small businesses in the area. One day, a woman walks in and starts asking about "installing wifi." She states that she is about to open up a hair salon, and can't wait to start servicing customers. However, she knows that her competitors in the area all offer free Wi-fi for their customers, with one even playing music through it. Since she has no idea how to install a wireless network, she has asked you to tell her what she needs.

Her salon can service ten customers at once, and she wants to make sure that it's not "slow" like it is at her house. She also wants to allow room for growth, and pay somebody to help her maintain it. She wants the project to be formalized so she can

show it to her business partner. Demonstrating the business value is extremely important to her, so the more the better.

To help this owner, you found a couple of sites that look like they will be helpful:

https://www.salonguru.net/social-salon-wifi-what-is-it/

https://spotonwifi.com/run-spa-salon-5-ways-use-wi-fi-marketing-boost-business/

Based on the owner's requirements, use figure 1, 'Small IT Project Scope Form' template on the next page to create a project plan for the salon owner. You can fill in the template directly on this document and use it for your submission.

Be sure to include the benefits of your plan, the justification, and the estimated cost. Use figure 2, 'Filled-out Small It Project Scope Form' that follows the empty template to help guide you, if needed. Ignore the "Approvals" box for now.

Some of the information being asked for may not be contained in the provided artifacts. That is by design. The purpose is to teach you to take the initiative by leveraging online resources to fill in the gaps. Remember, providing perfectly accurate figures is not as important as understanding the general structure of IT project management. Don't spend too much time calculating specific costs or deadlines; just try to make it as realistic as possible.

Figure 1. Small IT Project Scope Form

Small IT Project	Small IT Project Scope Form		
Project Title: Guardians of the Wifi installation 2022	CR Number: 752420		
Project Leader/Manager: Sean Camacho	Anticipated Project Start Date: 11/21/2022		
Sponsor: Peter Quill	<u>Date Prepared:</u> 11/19/2022		
Project Type: Small	Estimated Completion Date: 12/20/2022		

Purpose and Benefits of Project:

Instal a wireless network for a Salon that would benefit 10 or more people on the server.

Project Scope:

Guardians of the WiFi will install the router in the salon. End User will be asked to test and sign off. After testing is successful, we will move to Production and open the system to all users.

Team Members:

Core project team members:

Team Member	Unit	Role
Sean	IT	Project manager and implementation lead
Gamora	IT	
		System,database or other functions as needed
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	Finance	Coordinate finance

Assumptions:

- Wireless network will be live by the end of december, 2022 based on successful testing and review go/no-go live.
- Production cutover will be over a weekend (including Friday) in november and december during which no users will have the access to either system.
- Users designated by Finance will be available for testing
- These servers are not in the data center. IT will handle this later as we were told not to factor this into our timeline
- Anything not explicitly stated in the project scope will be out of scope for this project

High Level Timeline:

Key Milestones

	Duration	Start	Finish
Requirements and planning	1 day	11/21/2022	11/21/2022
End user testing	10 days	11/22/2022	12/2/2022
Financial approval	1 day	12/3/2022	12/3/2022
CR approval	2days	12/4/2022	12/6/2022
Production	3 days	12/7/2022	12/10/2022

<u>Costs:</u> no external cost since we are using internal re	sources and its our own produ	iet
Approvals:		
	Date	
	Date	

Figure 2. Filled-out Small IT Project Scope Form

Small IT Project	Scope Form
Project Title: QuickBooks Enterprise Upgrade 2020	CR Number: 679923
Project Leader/Manager: Jane Doe	Anticipated Project Start Date: 6/26/2020
Sponsor: John Smith	Date Prepared: 4/14/2020
Project Type: Small	Estimated Completion Date: 9/1/2020

Purpose of Project:

Business Unit 1 (BU1) and Business Unit 2 (BU2) each have their own instance of Quickbooks Enterprise v16. We are going to combine them into one instance, which will be v2020. This instance will be hosted through the corporate Citrix system.

Project Scope:

QuickBooks Enterprise 2020 will be installed on new servers. The databases from the two existing instances will be restored into the new installation. The databases will be upgraded into the new 2020 version. The security roles will be re-created with input from Finance so they will be standard for everyone. End users will be asked to test and sign-off. After testing is successful, we will move to Production and open the system to all users.

Team Members:

Core project team members:

Team Member	Unit	Role
Jane Doe	IT	Project Manager & implementation lead
Juan Perez	IT	System, database or other functions as needed
Twila Paris	Finance	Coordinate Finance

Assumptions:

- Targeting Go Live for end of August, 2020 based on successful testing and review go/no-go live.
- Production cutover will be over a weekend (including Friday) in August during which no users will have the access to either system.
- Users designated by Finance will be available for testing
- These servers are not in the data center. IT will handle this later as we were told not to factor this into our timeline
- Anything not explicitly stated in the project scope will be out of scope for this project

High Level Timeline:

Key Milestones

	Duration	Start	Finish
Requirements & Planning – method	1 day	4/16/2020	4/16/2020
Proof of Concept – dev	20 days	4/26/2020	5/30/2020

Finance approval	1 day		
CR approval	2 days		
Production – go live, restore databases	3 days	8/20/2020	8/23/2020
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5/31/2020

6/21/2020

Date

6/20/2020

8/19/2020

Install Future production system

End User Testing

Kevin Hart