Here are examples of scope defined in terms of different aspects: features, user stories, use cases, use case flows, and external events:

**1. Scope Defined by Features**

* **Feature**: **User Registration** – A system allows users to create an account with a username, password, and email.
* **Feature**: **Search Functionality** – The system provides a search bar where users can search products by name, category, or price range.
* **Feature**: **Notifications** – Users receive notifications for new messages or updates.

**2. Scope Defined by User Stories**

* **User Story 1**: "As a user, I want to reset my password so that I can recover access to my account if I forget it."
* **User Story 2**: "As an admin, I want to generate reports on user activity to monitor site engagement."
* **User Story 3**: "As a customer, I want to filter products by category so that I can easily find what I’m looking for."

**3. Scope Defined by Use Cases**

* **Use Case 1**: **User Login** – The user enters their username and password to log in to the system.
* **Use Case 2**: **Product Purchase** – A user adds items to the cart, proceeds to checkout, and completes payment.
* **Use Case 3**: **Profile Management** – The user can update their profile details such as name, email, and password.

**4. Scope Defined by Use Case Flows**

* **Main Flow**: For **User Registration**, the user enters personal information, agrees to terms, and submits the form. The system sends a confirmation email.
* **Alternate Flow**: In **User Login**, if the user forgets their password, they click on "Forgot Password" and go through a password recovery process.
* **Exception Flow**: During **Product Purchase**, if payment fails, the system displays an error and the user is prompted to retry or use another payment method.

**5. Scope Defined by External Events**

* **External Event 1**: **System receives API call** for new order placement from an external service.
* **External Event 2**: **Daily scheduled backup** occurs automatically at midnight.
* **External Event 3**: **User subscription renewal** is triggered when the system detects an expiring membership.

Each approach to defining scope helps stakeholders understand different aspects of what needs to be implemented or accounted for in a project.

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**Bạn đã nói:**

To enable effective decision making, the stakeholders must agree on the project’s priorities. One way to approach this is to consider the five dimensions of features, quality, schedule, cost, and staff (Wiegers 1996). Each dimension fits in one of the following three categories on any given project: ■ Constraint A limiting factor within which the project manager must operate ■ Driver A significant success objective with limited flexibility for adjustment ■ Degree of freedom A factor that the project manager has some latitude to adjust and balance against the other dimensions The project manager’s challenge is to adjust the degrees of freedom to achieve the project’s success drivers within the limits imposed by the constraints. Suppose marketing suddenly demands that you release the product one month earlier than scheduled. How do you respond? Do you: ■ Defer certain requirements to a later release? ■ Shorten the planned system test cycle? ■ Demand overtime from your staff or hire contractors to accelerate development? ■ Shift resources from other projects to help out? explain ?

**ChatGPT đã nói:**

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When a sudden change in the schedule occurs, such as marketing requesting an earlier release by one month, the project manager must adjust the five dimensions—**features**, **quality**, **schedule**, **cost**, and **staff**—by balancing the constraints, drivers, and degrees of freedom. Here's how each response addresses these factors:

**1. Defer Certain Requirements to a Later Release**

* **Features (Degree of Freedom)**: By deferring certain features, the project manager is adjusting the **features** dimension. This means delivering a simpler product now and adding more features in a future release.
* **Impact**:
  + **Constraint**: If the schedule is fixed, reducing the scope (features) helps meet the deadline.
  + **Driver**: The success driver may still be delivering key features on time, while the less critical ones are postponed.
* **Risks**: Stakeholders might not get all the features they initially expected, but quality and schedule can be maintained.

**2. Shorten the Planned System Test Cycle**

* **Quality (Degree of Freedom)**: This approach compromises the **quality** dimension by reducing the time spent on testing.
* **Impact**:
  + **Driver**: The schedule is protected since the project can be released sooner.
  + **Constraint**: Quality becomes a degree of freedom, with the risk of defects increasing if not enough time is spent on thorough testing.
* **Risks**: Bugs may slip through, leading to possible customer dissatisfaction, rework, or damage to the company’s reputation.

**3. Demand Overtime from Your Staff or Hire Contractors**

* **Staff (Degree of Freedom)**: Adjusting the **staff** dimension by either demanding overtime or bringing in external help accelerates development without sacrificing features or quality.
* **Impact**:
  + **Cost (Constraint)**: Increasing staff or overtime results in higher project costs, especially if hiring contractors. This can lead to exceeding budget constraints.
  + **Driver**: The schedule remains intact because development is accelerated.
* **Risks**: Overworking the current staff may lead to burnout or quality issues, while hiring new contractors could lead to onboarding delays or inefficiencies.

**4. Shift Resources from Other Projects to Help Out**

* **Staff (Degree of Freedom)**: Resources (staff or budget) can be diverted from other ongoing projects to focus on accelerating this project.
* **Impact**:
  + **Cost (Constraint)**: The budget may stay the same, but other projects could be delayed, potentially affecting overall company objectives.
  + **Driver**: The schedule is prioritized to ensure the new deadline is met.
* **Risks**: This could negatively impact other projects by reducing their workforce or slowing them down, leading to bottlenecks or missed deadlines elsewhere.

**Summary of the Decision Process:**

* **Constraints** are fixed elements (e.g., **schedule** or **cost**) where the project manager has little flexibility.
* **Drivers** are the high-priority objectives (e.g., **schedule**, **features**, or **quality**) that must be delivered.
* **Degrees of Freedom** (e.g., **features**, **quality**, **staff**) allow some flexibility and adjustment.

The project manager must decide which dimensions can be adjusted (freedom) and which are non-negotiable (constraint/driver). Each option involves trade-offs between quality, features, time, and resources to meet the new deadline effectively.