

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Introduction to Project Management

◆ What is a Project?

- A **project** is a **temporary effort** that creates **value**.
- Examples:
 - Developing a new app
 - Building a skyscraper
 - Planning an event launch
- Projects always have:
 - A **sequence of activities**
 - A **deadline (time-bound)**
 - A **budget (cost limit)**
 - A **goal (customer's or user's need)**

◆ What is Management?

- **Henri Fayol's definition** → Management = set of functions.
- Key functions:
 1. **Planning** – set goals, decide methods, make steps to reach results.
 2. **Organizing** – bring resources together (people, money, tools).
 3. **Leading (Leadership)** – manage people (hiring, training, coaching, motivating, setting example).
 4. **Controlling** – check if work is on track (time, budget, plan).

◆ What is Project Management?

- Defined by PMI (Project Management Institute):
→ Use of **knowledge, skills, tools, and techniques** to deliver value.
- **Project Manager's role:**
 - Define what needs to be done.
 - Break work into tasks and make a plan.
 - Manage resources (people, money, equipment).
 - Measure progress using metrics.
 - Communicate updates with stakeholders.

- Deliver final result to customer/client/user.
- Document **lessons learned** for future projects.

In short:

- **Project** = temporary work to create value.
 - **Management** = planning, organizing, leading, controlling.
 - **Project Management** = using these management skills to complete projects successfully.
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Unique Characteristics of Projects

◆ What makes Projects different from Operations?

- **Projects** = Temporary efforts with a clear goal.
- **Operations** = Ongoing, repetitive, permanent activities.

◆ Key Characteristics of Projects

1. Unique

- Every project has a **specific objective**.
- Example: Creating this **course** → unique to this course only.
- Projects produce something that didn't exist before (product, service, document, etc.).

2. Temporary

- Projects always have a **start date** and an **end date**.
- They end when:
 - Objectives are achieved ✓
 - Money/resources run out 💰
 - Need disappears ✗
 - Project is cancelled ❌
- Example: Building an **assembly line** is a project → once complete, running the line becomes **operations**.

3. Change-Oriented

- Projects bring a **change** to the company/customer.
- Example: **Hardware upgrade** in an office → replacing old systems with new technology.

4. Value-Creating (most important)

- Projects must create value for the business.
- Value examples:
 - Better efficiency → lower costs
 - Improved security → less risk of data breach
- Outcomes can be **tangible** (rocket booster, building) or **intangible** (software update, document).

Summary

- Projects are **Unique, Temporary, Change-oriented, and Value-creating**.
- Operations are **ongoing, permanent, and repetitive**.

Nice one, Raghav  This transcript covers **Project, Program, and Portfolio Management** inside organizations.

Here are **simple & structured notes** for you:

Project Management Within an Organization

- ◆ Why is this important?
 - Organizations run **many projects at the same time**.
 - Related projects are grouped into a **Program**.
 - Multiple programs (and projects) together make a **Portfolio**.
 - Each level (Project → Program → Portfolio) focuses on **different outcomes**.
- ◆ **1. Project Management**
 - **Level:** Individual projects.
 - **Focus:** Execution of specific objectives.
 - **Key points:**
 - Plan, execute, and close a single project.
 - Deliverables must meet defined requirements.
 - Constraints: **scope, schedule, budget**.
 - **Role of Project Manager:**
 - Manage tasks, deadlines, resources.
 - Ensure quality deliverables.
- ◆ **2. Program Management**
 - **Level:** Multiple related projects.

- **Focus:** Strategic benefits & coordination.
- **Key points:**
 - Groups projects that support the **same organizational goal**.
 - Manages interdependencies (how projects affect each other).
 - Works on **initiatives, roadmaps, prioritization, resource capacity**.
- **Role of Program Manager:**
 - Ensure all projects in the program contribute to long-term success.
 - Focuses on benefits, not individual project tasks.

◆ **3. Portfolio Management**

- **Level:** Enterprise-wide (all programs & projects).
- **Focus:** Strategic alignment & value creation.
- **Key points:**
 - Select and prioritize which projects/programs should be done.
 - Make sure resources are used wisely.
 - Ensure maximum business value and alignment with **strategic goals**.
- **Role of Portfolio Manager:**
 - Big-picture view.
 - Decide which initiatives are worth investment.

◆ **Summary (Quick Comparison)**

Level	Focus	Manager's Role
Project	Deliver specific results (scope, schedule, budget)	Manage tasks & deliverables
Program	Coordinate related projects to achieve broader benefits	Manage interdependencies, align with strategy
Portfolio	Select & prioritize projects/programs for strategy alignment	Ensure maximum business value

In short:

- **Project Mgmt** → "Do things right" (deliver on scope, schedule, budget).
 - **Program Mgmt** → "Do related things together" (connect projects for bigger goals).
 - **Portfolio Mgmt** → "Do the right things" (choose best projects/programs for strategy).
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Project Management Office (PMO)

◆ What is PMO?

- **PMO (Project Management Office)** = Centralized unit in an organization.
 - Its job: Ensure all projects follow **standard processes**, are **efficient**, and **align with company goals**.
 - Works at a **higher level than individual Project Managers**.
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◆ Functions of the PMO

1. Project Selection

- Decide if a project aligns with company strategy and goals.

2. Standardization

- Create consistent methods, templates, processes, and reports.
- Ensures all projects follow the same approach.

3. Resource Management

- Allocate people, budget, and equipment across different projects.

4. Training & Support

- Provide mentorship, training, and guidance to Project Managers.

5. Monitoring & Reporting

- Track project progress.
 - Maintain project documentation.
 - Report updates to stakeholders.
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◆ Difference: Project Manager vs PMO

Project Manager

Manages **one project** from start to end.

Focus: goals, data gathering, scheduling, budget of that project.

Operates at **execution level**.

PMO

Manages **all projects** at organizational level.

Focus: standards, methodologies, alignment with strategy.

Operates at **organizational level**.

 In short:

- **PM** = Runs a single project.
 - **PMO** = Sets rules, standards, and ensures all projects align with company strategy.
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What Do Project Managers Actually Do?

◆ Role of a Project Manager

- A **Project Manager (PM)** = the **connector**.
 - They bring together:
 - **People** → team members, stakeholders.
 - **Resources** → tools, budget, facilities.
 - **Processes** → steps, methods, standards.
 - **Ultimate responsibility:** Ensure the project is **successful**.
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◆ The 5 Major Processes of Project Management

1. Initiating

- Define the **scope** (what the project will deliver).
 - Ensure project aligns with customer & stakeholder expectations.
 - Understand:
 - Business environment (strategy, strengths, weaknesses).
 - Company assets/resources available (tools, templates, office space, labs, etc.).
 - Develop a **business case** → why this project matters.
 - Create a **Project Charter** → formal document showing value + authorization.
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2. Planning

- Define **activities** → what tasks need to be done.
 - Estimate **duration, cost, and resources** for each activity.
 - Build a **project schedule** (timeline).
 - Identify potential **risks**.
 - Use project management tools to plan how to **mitigate risks** before execution.
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3. Executing

- Bring the **team together** and launch the project.
 - Set ground rules for:
 - Communication
 - Handling scope changes
 - Procure necessary resources.
 - Define **milestones** (key checkpoints).
 - Ensure project moves forward to meet goals.
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4. Monitoring & Controlling

- Continuously **track performance** against schedule, budget, and quality.
 - Collect and analyze project data.
 - Compare progress with planned **milestones**.
 - If delays/problems → implement **risk responses** (e.g., add more resources, outsource).
 - **Communicate status** to stakeholders.
 - PM becomes a **problem solver** here.
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5. Closing

- Get **customer/client approval** that deliverables meet requirements.
 - Officially hand over the project.
 - Complete **final documentation + project report**.
 - Reflect and record **lessons learned** → helps future projects.
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◆ PMI Connection

- These 5 steps = **Project Management Process Groups** (defined by PMI).
 - Within each process, PMs need specific **knowledge areas + tools & techniques**.
 - Future lessons → dive deeper into those areas.
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Quick Revision (5 Processes of Project Managers):

- **Initiating** → Define scope, business case, project charter.
- **Planning** → Activities, cost, schedule, risk plan.

- **Executing** → Launch team, resources, milestones.
 - **Monitoring/Controlling** → Track progress, solve problems, report status.
 - **Closing** → Approval, documentation, lessons learned.
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Initiating → Planning → Executing → Monitoring/Controlling → Closing

Got it, Raghav  This part is about **PMI (Project Management Institute)** and how it supports project managers.

Here are your **clear, beginner-friendly notes**:

The Project Management Institute (PMI)

◆ What PMI Says About Project Managers

- A Project Manager is:
 - **Organized, passionate, goal-oriented**
 - Understands what **all projects have in common**
 - Knows their **strategic role** in how organizations **succeed, learn, and change**
 - **Comfortable with change** → adapts in dynamic environments
 - **Drives change & leads people**
 - Skilled in **PM tools & techniques**
 - Works with **cross-functional teams** (different departments)
 - **Culturally aware** (can work with diverse teams)
 - Acts as a **servant leader** (puts team needs first to achieve success)
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◆ About PMI (Project Management Institute)

- **PMI = Project Management Institute**
 - A **non-profit global organization** for project management.
 - Provides:
 - **Resources & training**
 - **Professional development** opportunities
 - **Global networking** through local + virtual events
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◆ PMI Certification

- **PMP (Project Management Professional)** = formal certification by PMI.
 - Not mandatory, but **highly respected worldwide** → seen as the **standard** for project professionals.
 - Shows mastery of project management skills.
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◆ PMBOK (Project Management Body of Knowledge)

- PMI maintains the **PMBOK Guide**.
 - PMBOK = **foundational resource** for effective project management.
 - Contains **knowledge areas** every PM must know.
 - The course will later explain these areas in detail.
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◆ Why PMI Matters

- Recognized globally → increases credibility.
 - Helps project managers **learn, share best practices, and grow professionally**.
 - Website: **pmi.org** → info about PMP certification & PMI benefits.
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✓ Quick Revision:

- PMI = Global non-profit for PMs.
 - PMP = Global certification (gold standard).
 - PMBOK = Knowledge guide.
 - PMI offers → Training, certification, networking, professional growth.
 - A good PM = organized, adaptable, servant leader, cross-functional team player.
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What a Technical Project Manager Does (Real-World Example)

◆ Lexi D's Background

- Works as a **Technical Project Manager (TPM)** (7 years of experience).
 - Worked in **aerospace (IT)** → later moved to **software industry**.
 - Her main role: **managing client expectations**.
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◆ How Projects Work in Her Role

- Customers buy software → they get a **Statement of Work (SOW)**.
 - **SOW = High-level list of requirements** for how software should be set up.
 - The project manager executes the SOW.
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◆ **4 Key Areas She Manages (The “Iron Triangle + Quality”)**

1. **Scope**

- What's included in the project?
- Example: building a house → list of all features (rooms, garage, garden).
- In software → features the customer expects.

2. **Budget**

- How much money is available?
- Example: house cost / software deployment cost.

3. **Schedule (Time)**

- How long will it take?
- Example: house construction time / time to get software ready.

4. **Quality**

- Deliverables must **last & work well**.
 - Example: house made of strong materials vs weak materials.
 - In software → usability, fewer bugs, reliability.
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◆ **Her Responsibilities as TPM**

- Doesn't **do the technical work** herself (not coding/configuring).
 - Instead, she:
 - Builds **schedules**.
 - Collects **requirements**.
 - Tracks **budget & progress**.
 - Ensures **quality**.
 - Keeps **clients informed & happy**.
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◆ **Certification**

- She is a **PMP (Project Management Professional)** certified by PMI.

◆ Realistic Perspective

- Some people may view project managers as “**overhead**” (not directly doing technical work).
 - But **they make sure everything gets done** → ensuring smooth delivery, satisfied clients, and repeat business.
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✓ In Short:

A Technical Project Manager = **the connector** → links client needs, team work, budget, schedule, and quality to make sure projects succeed.

Project Management as a Process

◆ 3 Levels of the PM Framework

1. **Process Groups** → What PMs *do*
 2. **Knowledge Areas** → What PMs *need to know*
 3. **Processes (49 total)** → *How* PMs accomplish tasks (tools & techniques)
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⌚ Five Process Groups (What We Do)

1. Initiating

- Start the project.
- Identify stakeholders, initial documents.

2. Planning

- Most critical step → success depends on it.
- Define scope, schedule, costs.
- Plan for: quality, resources, risks, communications, procurement.
- Create detailed project plan.
- **⚠ Bad planning = failed project.**

3. Executing

- Do the actual work.
- PM leads and develops the team.

4. Monitoring & Controlling

- Track progress vs milestones.
- Control costs, schedule, scope, and quality.
- Take corrective actions if project goes off track.

5. **Closing**

- Ensure client accepts the deliverable.
 - Archive lessons learned & project documents.
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Ten Knowledge Areas (What We Need to Know)

1. **Integration Management**

- Coordinates everything → ensures decisions align across areas.
- Happens throughout the project lifecycle.

2. **Scope Management**

- Defines all the work required (and nothing extra).
- Captures requirements, benefits, assumptions, and constraints.

3. **Schedule Management**

- Ensures project is completed on time.
- Milestones, deadlines, efficiency.

4. **Cost Management**

- Keeps project within budget.
- Proves project value using financial tools.

5. **Quality Management**

- Ensures deliverables meet needs.
- Uses planning, control, and assurance to maintain standards.

6. **Resource Management**

- Manages people and performance.
- Involves assigning roles, motivating, and leading.

7. **Communications Management**

- Ensures right info goes to the right people, at the right time, in the right way.
- Poor communication = common reason for project failure.

8. **Risk Management**

- Identifies, analyzes, and responds to risks.

- Example risks: delays, supply shortages, losing team members.

9. Procurement Management

- Acquiring goods/services from outside vendors.
- Building relationships with suppliers or outsourcing tasks.

10. Stakeholder Management

- Identifies and manages relationships with people impacted by the project.
 - Stakeholders = customers, team members, investors, suppliers, govt.
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◆ 49 Processes

- Each process links to:
 - A **process group** (what we do)
 - A **knowledge area** (what we need to know).
 - Seem overwhelming, but easier once grouped.
 - Course will later explain each process in detail.
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Quick Revision Shortcut:

- **5 Groups** = *Initiate, Plan, Execute, Monitor/Control, Close*
 - **10 Areas** = *Integration, Scope, Schedule, Cost, Quality, Resource, Communication, Risk, Procurement, Stakeholder*
 - **49 Processes** = Tools/techniques mapped to above.
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Knowledge Areas	Project Management Process Groups				
	Initiating	Planning	Executing	Monitoring & Controlling	Closing
4. Project Integration Management	4.1 Develop Project Charter	4.2 Develop Project Management Plan	4.3 Direct & Manage Project Work 4.4 Manage Project Knowledge	5 Monitor & Control Project Work 4.6 Perform Integrated Change Control	4.7 Close Project
5. Project Scope Management		5.1 Plan Scope Management 5.2 Collect Requirements 5.3 Define Scope 5.4 Create WBS		5.5 Validate Scope 5.6 Control Scope	
6. Project Schedule Management		6.1 Plan Schedule Management 6.2 Define Activities 6.3 Sequence Activities 6.4 Estimate Activity Durations 6.5 Develop Schedule		6.6 Control Schedule	
7. Project Cost Management		7.1 Plan Cost Management 7.2 Estimate Costs 7.3 Determine Budget		7.4 Control Costs	
8. Project Quality Management		8.1 Plan Quality Management	8.2 Manage Quality	8.3 Control Quality	
9. Project Resource Management		9.1 Plan Resource Management 9.2 Estimate Activity Resources	9.3 Acquire Resources 9.4 Develop Team 9.5 Manage Team	9.6 Control Resources	
10. Project Communications Management		10.1 Plan Communications Management	10.2 Manage Communications	10.3 Monitor Communications	
11. Project Risk Management		11.1 Plan Risk Management 11.2 Identify Risks 11.3 Perform Qualitative Risk Analysis 11.4 Perform Quantitative Risk Analysis 11.5 Plan Risk Responses	11.6 Implement Risk Responses	11.7 Monitor Risks	
12. Project Procurement Management		12.1 Plan Procurement Management	12.2 Conduct Procurements	12.3 Control Procurements	
13. Project Stakeholder Management	13.1 Identify Stakeholders	13.2 Plan Stakeholder Engagement	13.3 Manage Stakeholder Engagement	13.4 Monitor Stakeholder Engagement	

Waterfall vs Agile vs Hybrid Project Management



Waterfall Project Management (Traditional / Predictive)

- **Definition:** A step-by-step approach where you plan everything upfront and then execute.
- **Flow:**
 1. Gather requirements →
 2. Design →
 3. Build/Develop →
 4. Test/Validate →
 5. Deploy (big final handoff).
- **When to Use:**
 - Requirements are **well known** (e.g., building a house, bridge, airplane).
 - Changes during execution are **very costly**.
- **Output Style:**
 - One **big outcome** at the end.
- **Tools Used:**
 - **Work Breakdown Structure (WBS):** Break deliverables into tasks → sequence them → dependencies → critical path.

⚡ Agile Project Management

- **Definition:** A flexible, collaborative approach with the customer.
- **Best For:**
 - Requirements are **not well defined**.
 - Projects where things can change (e.g., **software development, innovation projects**).
- **How It Works:**
 - Project broken into **sprints** = fixed time periods (1–4 weeks, usually 2).
 - Each sprint → deliver **incremental value** (a working feature or part of product).
 - After each sprint → show customer → adjust if needed.
 - Continuous collaboration with stakeholders.
- **Key Concepts:**

- **Backlog:** List of all requirements/features, prioritized (Must-have → Should-have → Could-have → Won't-have).
 - **Sprint Backlog:** Top-priority items pulled from backlog for the sprint.
 - **Product Increment:** Completed work delivered at the end of sprint.
- **Special Note:**
 - Agile works best with **dedicated teams**.
 - Common framework: **Scrum** (specific roles, rules, and ceremonies).
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Hybrid Project Management

- **Definition:** A mix of Waterfall + Agile, tailored for project, team, or organization.
 - **Why Use:**
 - Some parts of project need strict planning (Waterfall).
 - Other parts need flexibility & iteration (Agile).
 - **Example:**
 - **Hardware** → Waterfall (expensive to change).
 - **Software** → Agile (easy to tweak & improve).
 - **Style:**
 - Can **switch** between methods across phases or run **parallel tracks** (e.g., hardware & software together).
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Quick Comparison

Feature	Waterfall 	Agile 	Hybrid 
Requirements	Well-known, fixed	Evolving, not well-known	Mix of both
Planning	Heavy upfront planning	Adaptive, iterative	Tailored
Delivery	One big final product	Incremental (sprints)	Combination
Best For	Construction, manufacturing	Software, innovation projects	Complex projects with both
Customer Involvement	Low after start	High, continuous	Medium to high
Change Handling	Very costly	Easy, expected	Depends on approach

Super Simple Shortcut:

- **Waterfall** = *Plan once, deliver once.*
 - **Agile** = *Plan small, deliver often.*
 - **Hybrid** = *Mix both, depending on needs.*
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Traditional Project Management

What is Traditional Project Management?

- A **step-by-step, structured method** of managing projects.
 - Focuses on **planning in advance** and then strictly following the plan.
 - Main goal:
 - Finish **on time**
 - Stay **within budget**
 - Meet **predefined requirements** (scope).
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When is it best used?

- Works well when:
 - Tasks can be done **in sequence** (one after another).
 - **Changes are rare** or not expected.
 - Example industries:
 - Construction 
 - Manufacturing 
 - Engineering 
 - Reason: These industries have **clear requirements** and **predictable outcomes**, and changes are **very costly**.
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5 Phases of Traditional Project Management

1. **Initiating** → Set goals, define scope, identify stakeholders.
2. **Planning** → Make detailed schedules, budgets, allocate resources.
3. **Executing** → Perform the tasks, produce deliverables.
4. **Controlling/Monitoring** → Track progress, manage risks, make sure plan is followed.
5. **Closing** → Finish deliverables, review results, officially close project.

👉 In short:

Traditional project management = **Plan everything first → Do step-by-step → Stick to plan → Finish.**

Question 1

Which project management knowledge area happens across the entire lifecycle and happens continuously?

Answer

Project Integration Management

Question 2

You are developing a new product with both a well-defined hardware requirement and software requirement that still needs significant customer input.

Answer

Hybrid

Question 3

You are developing an update to your company's mobile application. Delivery of the update will incorporate a variety of small, incremental improvements that need to be released as they become available.

Answer

Agile

Project Charter – Beginner Notes

◆ What is a Project Charter?

- A **document** created at the **start of a project**.
 - Prepared by the **Project Manager or Project Sponsor**.
 - Provides a **high-level overview** (the “story” of the project).
 - Purpose: make sure **everyone is on the same page** before work begins.
 - It also gives the **Project Manager authority** to start.
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◆ Where does it fit?

- First process in the **Initiating Phase** of project management.
 - Belongs to **Project Integration Management** (knowledge area that runs through the whole project).
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◆ 5 Key Areas of a Project Charter

1. **Justification** – Why do we need this project? How does it create value?
 2. **Objectives & Deliverables** – What will the project achieve? What will be delivered?
 3. **Requirements & Constraints** – What must be done, and what will *not* be done.
 4. **Stakeholders & Team** – Who is involved? Who are the key players?
 5. **High-Level Budget & Timeline** – Approx. cost, return on investment (if known), and key milestones.
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◆ Common Elements in a Project Charter

- **Project Title** – Short & clear name.
- **Purpose/Description** – Why are we doing this project?
- **Objectives/Deliverables** – Big-picture results.
- **Potential Risks** – Issues we should expect early.
- **Milestones/Timeline** – Key dates & phases.
- **Resources Needed** – People, tools, budget.
- **Stakeholders** – Who’s impacted, who approves.
- **Success Criteria & Sign-Off** – What success looks like and who approves completion.
- **Project Sponsor** – The person backing the project.

👉 In short:

The **Project Charter** = “**Project Blueprint**”.

It explains **Why, What, Who, When, and How much** at a very high level.

Question: Which of the following acts as a “how to” guide to your project. (Select best answer)

Options:

Project Management Plan

Project Charter

Scope Management Plan

Project Scope

Explanation:

The correct answer is:

Project Management Plan

- ◆ **The Project Management Plan acts as a "how to" guide for your project.**
 - **It describes how the project will be executed, monitored, controlled, and closed.**
 - **It integrates all subsidiary plans (scope, schedule, cost, quality, resources, risk, etc.).**
 - **It's the main reference for managing the project.**

👉 **The Project Charter authorizes the project but doesn't give detailed “how to” steps.**

👉 **The Scope Management Plan is only about handling scope.**

👉 **The Project Scope defines the boundaries of the project, not the method.**

Question: Which of the following are outputs of the Project Management Plan? (Select all that apply)

Options:

Quality Management Plan

Cost Baseline

Risk Management Plan

Scope Baseline

Schedule Baseline

Explanation:

The Project Management Plan is like a master plan, and it has two types of components:

1. Subsidiary Management Plans (how you'll manage each area)
2. Baselines (approved versions of scope, cost, and schedule)

 **Correct Outputs:**

- Quality Management Plan → Yes (subsidiary plan)
- Cost Baseline → Yes (baseline)
- Risk Management Plan → Yes (subsidiary plan)
- Scope Baseline → Yes (baseline)
- Schedule Baseline → Yes (baseline)

 So the correct answer is:

All of the above. 

 **Memory trick:**

- Plans = “How to manage” (Quality, Risk, etc.)
 - Baselines = “Approved reference” (Scope, Cost, Schedule)
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Question : Developing the Project Charter belongs to which Project Management Process Group?
(Select best answer)

Options:

Executing

Initiating

Planning

Monitoring & Controlling

Project Integration Management

Closing

Question: What is the main purpose of the project charter? (Select best answer)

Options:

Gather stakeholder requirements

To authorize the project manager to begin assigning resources to the project

Develop the charter process

Project Scope – What It Is and Why It Matters

- **Scope = Boundaries of the project** → It defines *what will be done* and *what will not be done*.
 - Helps manage **stakeholder expectations** and prevents “extra” work that wasn’t originally planned.
 - A **well-defined scope** allows the project manager to:
 - Push back on out-of-scope requests.
 - Justify more resources if the scope changes.
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Project Scope Statement

This document clearly outlines:

- Deliverables (what you’re producing).
 - Boundaries (what’s not included).
 - Responsibilities of the team.
 - Cost and schedule estimates.
- 👉 Ensures all stakeholders understand exactly *what they’re getting and when*.
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Scope Management

Scope management includes:

1. Writing the **Scope Statement**.
 2. Creating a **Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)** → breaking deliverables into smaller, manageable parts.
 3. Handling changes to scope (**scope creep**).
 4. Approving deliverables.
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Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)

- Breaks the project into **work packages** (small tasks/deliverables).
- Benefits:
 - Identifies every piece of work.
 - Ensures nothing is missed.
 - Helps estimate **costs** and **schedule**.
 - Builds the **project timeline & milestones**.

The Iron Triangle (Project Constraints)

Every project is controlled by **3 interconnected constraints**:

- **Scope** (what work must be done).
- **Time** (schedule, deadlines).
- **Cost** (budget/resources).

 If you change one, it impacts the others. For example:

- If the deadline is shortened → more resources (higher cost) may be required.
- If the scope increases → it may take more time or more budget.
- Quality must remain stable even when balancing these constraints.

Key Takeaway:

The project manager's job is to **balance scope, cost, and time** while keeping stakeholders aligned and ensuring quality deliverables.

What is Project Scope Management?

According to PMI:

 It's the work required to deliver a project's **deliverables** — **plus** the processes to manage changes in scope.

- Scope defines **what's in** and **what's out** of the project.
- Changes are natural, but must be controlled using **formal change control procedures**.
- Goal: Keep the project on **time**, **within budget**, and **meeting quality standards**.

The Six Scope Management Processes

1. Plan Scope Management

- Create the **Scope Management Plan**.
- Includes: project scope statement, requirements, deliverables.
- Defines how scope changes will be handled.

2. Collect Requirements

- Work with **stakeholders** to identify all needs.
- Document: deliverables, budget, training needs, non-functional requirements (like performance, security, etc.).

3. Define Scope

- Translate requirements into a **detailed scope statement**.
- Clarifies deliverables, exclusions, and project boundaries.

4. Create WBS (Work Breakdown Structure)

- Break the project into smaller, manageable **work packages**.
- Each work package includes cost, schedule, and resource details.
- Helps with planning, budgeting, and scheduling.

5. Validate Scope

- Formal **acceptance** of deliverables from stakeholders/customers.
- Ensures alignment and prevents misunderstandings.

6. Control Scope

- Monitor scope during the project.
- Prevent **scope creep** (uncontrolled changes).
- If changes are needed → follow the **formal change control process**.

Where They Fit in the Process Groups

- **Planning** → 4 processes:
 - Plan Scope Management
 - Collect Requirements
 - Define Scope
 - Create WBS
- **Monitoring & Controlling** → 2 processes:
 - Validate Scope
 - Control Scope

Key Takeaway:

Scope management is about **defining, validating, and controlling the work**. It keeps the project focused, avoids wasted effort, and ensures changes are managed properly.

You are the project manager for a large construction project and receive the following list from your customer:

1. There should be four meeting rooms that can hold at least 10 people each
2. The main hall should have the windows facing west
3. The auxiliary building should have a workshop and should have 3 service bays

In terms of project management, what do you think this list best represents? (Select best answer)

- Work Breakdown Structure
- Project Quality Standards
- **Project Requirements**
- Project Scope

Explanation:

- The customer is listing **specific needs and conditions** (number of meeting rooms, window orientation, workshop, service bays).
- These are **requirements** that define what the project must deliver.
- The **Project Scope** would be a higher-level statement of what the project will deliver (e.g., "Build a construction complex with a main hall, auxiliary building, and meeting rooms").
- A **Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)** is a decomposition of deliverables into tasks — not requirements.
- **Quality Standards** deal with *how* the work should be done (e.g., safety, durability), not *what* is needed.

👉 So, this customer's list = **Project Requirements**.

The scope statement is..... (Select all that apply)

- **a document that reduces uncertainty throughout the project.**
- general and should leave room for interpretation by stakeholders
- **a written document that describes the project, its deliverables, and sets the boundaries for the project**

Explanation:

✗ **general and should leave room for interpretation by stakeholders** →
Incorrect, because the scope statement should be **clear, specific, and unambiguous** to avoid misinterpretation.

What is meant by the 100% rule? (Select best answer)

- The project scope statement is complete and signed off by all stakeholders.
- **The WBS covers every aspect of the project in its entirety.**

- When defining the project requirements, the project manager needs to have 100% of the stakeholders input.
- The project management plan states that all of the project costs will be documented and controlled.

EXPLANATION:

👉 The **100% Rule** in project management means that the **Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)** must represent **100% of the work** defined by the project scope, including all deliverables and project management work. Nothing extra, nothing missing.

You are the project manager for the launch of a social media marketing campaign. Jessica, an important stakeholder, comes to you and says the level of detail in your WBS doesn't adequately detail the development steps of an important performance tracking tool. For more detailed descriptions of each WBS work package, where should Jessica look? (Select best answer)

- Project Charter
- **WBS**
- **WBS Dictionary**
- Scope Statement

EXPLANATION

👉 Here's why:

- The **WBS shows the breakdown of the work (the what).**
- The **WBS Dictionary provides detailed descriptions of each work package (the how, who, when, and details).**
- The **Scope Statement defines the overall project scope, not detailed tasks.**
- The **Project Charter authorizes the project at a high level, but doesn't go into detailed work packages.**

So, if Jessica wants more detail about a work package, she should check the **WBS Dictionary**. ✓

Summary:

- WBS = "What are the things we need to deliver?"
 - WBS Dictionary = "Details of what's inside each of those things."
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communication in project management:

🔑 Key Points

1. Communication = Core Responsibility

- A project manager spends **most of their time communicating** (with team, stakeholders, customers, sponsors, suppliers).
- Poor communication is the **#1 reason projects fail**.

2. Impact of Poor Communication (PMI stats)

- More than **50% of the time**, bad communication = negative project outcome.
- About **33% of project failures** happen mainly because of poor communication.

3. Forms of Communication

- **Written**: emails, memos, reports.
- **Spoken**: meetings, calls, presentations.
- **Non-verbal**: tone of voice, body language, expressions.

4. Types of Communication

- **Formal**: pre-planned → reports, scheduled meetings, official emails.
- **Informal**: casual chats, quick updates, hallway conversations.

5. Stakeholders = Receivers of Communication

- Stakeholders = *anyone who affects or is affected by the project*.
- Includes: team members, managers, sponsors, customers, suppliers, even the public.

6. Stakeholder Analysis

- Tool for identifying stakeholders and analyzing their **power & influence**.
- Helps the project manager decide:
 - *Who needs what info?*
 - *When do they need it?*
 - *How should it be delivered (email, meeting, dashboard)?*

👉 Bottom Line:

Good communication = project success.

Poor communication = project failure risk.

core communication model in project management:

Key Takeaways

1. Before Communicating, Ask:

- Who needs the information?
- When do they need it?
- How do they want to receive it (email, meeting, call, dashboard, etc.)?
- Who is responsible for communicating it (PM, team member, sponsor)?
- Is the communication method appropriate (cultural, timing, sensitivity)?
- How do we protect sensitive/confidential information?

This forms the basis of the **communications plan**.

2. Not Everyone Needs Everything

- Stakeholders include: project team, sponsor, customer, suppliers, clients.
- Overloading them with irrelevant info = just as harmful as not informing them.
- Solution: **Planned stakeholder engagement** → list stakeholders, define their communication needs, and match format (report, email, phone call, meeting).

3. Communication Must Be Understood, Not Just Sent

- A message is only effective if the **receiver understands it**.
- Example: ordering training materials requires timely communication with procurement, accounting for lead times.

4. Delegation & Global Considerations

- PM doesn't need to do *all* communication—can delegate based on expertise.
- Consider time zones, language, culture, and preferred tools (Zoom, Teams, in-person).

5. The Communication Model

- **Sender (e.g., Jaden)**: encodes the message → chooses words, tone, channel.
- **Channel**: medium of delivery (email, face-to-face, phone, report).

- **Receiver (e.g., Tyler)**: decodes the message → extracts meaning.
 - **Feedback**: confirms understanding (questions, paraphrasing, nodding, actions).
 - **Noise (barriers)**: anything that disrupts encoding, delivery, or decoding.
 - External noise: barking dog, bad audio, distractions.
 - Internal noise: stress, multitasking, bias, thinking about something else.
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6. PM's Responsibility

- Ensure **messages are received and understood**.
 - Anticipate and minimize **noise**.
 - Use appropriate channel + confirm feedback.
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👉 **Bottom Line:** Communication in project management isn't just about sending information — it's about ensuring it's delivered at the right time, in the right way, and that it's truly *understood* by stakeholders.

(sender → channel → receiver → feedback, with noise around it)

Communication Styles in Project Management

1. Analytical Communicator

- **Focus**: Facts, figures, measurable data.
 - **Strengths**: Precision, clarity, data-driven decisions.
 - **Challenges**: Can slow decision-making due to over-analysis.
 - **Best Approach to Work With Them**: Provide detailed reports, research, and objective data. Avoid vague or emotional arguments.
 - **Key Traits**:  Accuracy |  Research |  Performance tracking
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2. Intuitive Communicator

- **Focus**: Big picture, vision, overall outcomes.
- **Strengths**: Innovation, creativity, ability to simplify complex concepts.
- **Challenges**: May skip over details or lose patience with lengthy explanations.
- **Best Approach to Work With Them**: Present high-level goals and outcomes first, then back up with details only if requested.

- **Key Traits:** Visionary | Conceptual thinker | Future-focused
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3. Functional Communicator

- **Focus:** Step-by-step processes, workflows, and practical execution.
 - **Strengths:** Detail-oriented, ensures processes are followed correctly, strong in execution.
 - **Challenges:** May slow down in fast-paced environments, risk of over-focusing on details.
 - **Best Approach to Work With Them:** Provide clear timelines, structured plans, and checklists. Allow time for questions about process steps.
 - **Key Traits:** Process-driven | Subject matter experts | Detail-focused
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4. Personal Communicator

- **Focus:** Relationships, emotions, and how decisions affect people.
 - **Strengths:** Builds trust, team cohesion, and morale.
 - **Challenges:** May prioritize feelings over facts or timelines.
 - **Best Approach to Work With Them:** Be empathetic, show consideration for team impact, frame communication in terms of how it affects people.
 - **Key Traits:** Empathetic | Relationship-builder | Emotionally expressive
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Key Insights Across All Styles

- Everyone has a **primary** style, but may also use **secondary/tertiary** styles depending on context.
 - Teams benefit from a **mix** of all four styles:
 - **Analytical** ensures accuracy.
 - **Intuitive** drives vision.
 - **Functional** guarantees execution.
 - **Personal** strengthens collaboration.
 - Great communicators **adapt their style** to their audience.
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Communication Channels

- **Face-to-Face:** Gold standard → richest, immediate, best for complex or emotional issues.
- **Video:** Strong substitute for face-to-face, great for remote teaching & collaboration, but lacks physical presence.

- **Voice:** Captures tone/emotion, builds rapport, but misses visual cues → potential misinterpretation.
- **Social Media:** Excellent for networking & community-building, but shallow for deep relational work.
- **Text-Based:** Efficient & convenient for simple info, but impersonal, easily misunderstood, and risky for conflict.

Leadership Insight

- Use **rich channels (face-to-face, video, voice)** for sensitive, complex, or relational conversations.
 - Use **lean channels (text, social media)** for transactional, routine, or broad information sharing.
 - **Be deliberate:** channel choice impacts clarity, trust, and relationships as much as the message itself.
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Communication Channels Formula

Key Concept

- The **number of communication channels** in a project grows rapidly as more stakeholders are added.
 - Formula:
$$\text{Channels} = N (N - 1) / 2$$
where **N = total number of people or stakeholders**
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Basics

- More stakeholders = more communication complexity.
 - Project managers use this formula to **quantify complexity** and plan communication strategies.
 - Helps in developing the **Project Communication Management Plan**.
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Examples

1. Small Project (3 people)

$$\text{Channels} = 3 (3 - 1) / 2$$

$$= 3 (2) / 2$$

$$= 6 / 2$$

$$= \mathbf{3 \text{ total channels}}$$

2. Medium Project (4 people)

Channels = $4(4 - 1) / 2$

= $4(3) / 2$

= $12 / 2$

= **6 total channels**

3. Larger Project (5 people)

Channels = $5(5 - 1) / 2$

= $5(4) / 2$

= $20 / 2$

= **10 total channels**

4. Bigger Project (6 people)

Channels = $6(6 - 1) / 2$

= $6(5) / 2$

= $30 / 2$

= **15 total channels**

5. Expanding Team (7 people)

Channels = $7(7 - 1) / 2$

= $7(6) / 2$

= $42 / 2$

= **21 total channels**

⌚ Key Insights

- Communication channels grow **quadratically** (not linearly).
 - Adding just 2 people to a 5-person team increases channels from **10 → 21**.
 - More channels = higher risk of miscommunication and coordination issues.
 - Project managers must:
 - Use structured communication protocols.
 - Select tools/platforms to manage complexity.
 - Balance efficiency with clarity.
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Importance of Project Security

🔑 What is Project Security?

- Ensures **success or failure** of a project.
- Means having the **correct protocols** for access.
- Only the right people get the right data, based on their role.

- **Data encryption** is essential.
 - Involves both **information security** and **physical security**.
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Key Steps for Project Security

1. Educate Users

- Train team members (even at minimal involvement).
- Awareness of risks: phishing, careless clicks → **data breaches + financial loss**.
- PMs must communicate consequences of **data theft/security breaches**.

2. Use the Right Security Tools

- **VPNs**: encrypt data, prevent third-party access.
- Secure file sharing + safe communication.
- ISP and external parties cannot intercept.
- Ensures secure, high-speed data transfer.

3. Create a Solid Backup Plan

- Store copies on **external hard drives, flash drives, or devices**.
- Protect against theft, damage, or loss.
- Ensure backups are:
 - **Weatherproof & regularly checked**.
 - Done **daily**, encrypted, and stored **off-site**.
- Physical security:
 - Secure storage facilities.
 - Alternate power supply.
 - Access policies and surveillance.
- Consider **data security vendors** for real-time replication.
- Use **geographically dispersed storage systems**.

4. Know Compliance Obligations

- Laws differ by country.
- Common standards:
 - **ISO/IEC 27001:2013** (risk management framework).
 - **GDPR compliance** (mandatory in Europe).
- Compliance saves time/resources and prevents legal issues.

5. Know Privacy Requirements

- Ask vendors about:
 - Their compliance policies.
 - How often they access your data.
- Limit vendor access.
- Require **permissions before data use.**

6. Ensure Network Protection

- Standard protocols:
 - Firewalls, VLANs, routers.
 - Intrusion prevention systems.
 - Aggregated log systems.
- Maintain:
 - **Risk management.**
 - **Patch management.**
 - **Regular updates.**
- Timely support = reduced damage from attacks.

⌚ Key Takeaways

- **Security = backbone of projects.**
 - Strong security prevents **budget overruns, company damage, and reputational loss.**
 - A **project security plan** ensures objectives are achieved safely and efficiently.
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In the Communications Model, whose responsibility is it to make sure the message is being understood? (Select best answer)

- The receiver
 - **The sender**
 - The decoder
 - The channel
 - The project manager
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What is the best communication channel for information to best be understood? (Select best answer)

- **Face-to-face conversation**

- Email communication
 - Audio communication
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Question

If we have 7 stakeholders for a project, how many communication channels do we have? (Select best answer)

7

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21

Formula for communication channels:

$$\text{Channels} = n(n-1) / 2$$

where n = number of stakeholders.

Here:

$$n=7 \quad \text{Channels} = 7(7-1) / 2 = 7 \times 6 / 2 = 21$$

 **Correct Answer: 21**

 **This formula is very common in PMP exam and project management questions.**

If your project sponsor asks you for a project update. You know that your sponsor is an intuitive communicator and thinker. Which would be the best way to prepare for this meeting? (Select best answer)

- Collect data from your team about their progress and how they feel about the project's status. Share this information with your project sponsor and make sure to ask them many questions to make sure they feel the project is progressing to their expectations.
 - Prepare information about each step of the process you have followed so the project sponsor can truly understand each detail of the project.
 - You should spend some time preparing detailed data to support the progress of the project. Make sure the details are very specific so the project sponsor can gain an understanding of the project status through this data.
 - **Prepare information that is short and to-the-point. Make sure the information you give the sponsor allows them to see how what you have accomplished will contribute to the project goals and company vision.**
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Question 5

If you are requesting an update from a member of your project team and they presented you with facts, figures and research-based details. This team member's communication style is most likely: (Select best answer)

- **Analytical**
 - Personal
 - Intuitive
 - Functional
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Who is responsible for developing the communications plan? (Select the best answer).

- Stakeholders
 - Project Sponsor
 - Project Team
 - **Project Manager**
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Stakeholder Management

Who Are Stakeholders?

- Anyone who impacts the project OR is impacted by the project.
 - Some need continuous updates, others only at key points.
 - Effective stakeholder communication = project success (on time, on budget, within scope).
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Stakeholder Management Processes (PMI)

1. **Identify Stakeholders** – list and classify them.
 2. **Plan Stakeholder Management** – define strategies for engagement.
 3. **Manage Stakeholder Engagement** – execute communication & collaboration.
 4. **Monitor Stakeholder Engagement** – adjust approaches as needed.
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Types of Stakeholders

1. Internal Stakeholders

- Employees, project sponsor, team members, board members.

2. External Stakeholders

- Investors, suppliers, community members.

3. Clients

- Customers, service buyers, end-users.

4. Government/Regulatory

- IRS, EPA, FDA, or other agencies ensuring legal compliance.
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📌 Why Stakeholder Analysis?

- Identify early.
- Classify by:
 1. **Interest** in the project.
 2. **Influence/power** over the project.
 3. **Involvement level** (actual or expected).

Goal = **manage expectations + plan engagement** effectively.

📍 Stakeholder Analysis Models

◆ Salience Model (Power + Legitimacy + Urgency)

- **Discretionary** → Legitimacy only (e.g., charity).
 - **Dependent** → Legitimacy + urgency, no power (e.g., restaurant owners near road construction).
 - **Demanding** → Urgency only (e.g., protestors).
 - **Dangerous** → Power + urgency, no legitimacy (e.g., saboteurs).
 - **Dormant** → Power only (e.g., uninvolved executives).
 - **Dominant** → Power + legitimacy (e.g., senior managers).
 - **Definitive** → Power + legitimacy + urgency → **highest priority** (e.g., project sponsor, customer).
 - **Non-stakeholders** → No action required.
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◆ Power–Interest Grid

(X-axis = Interest, Y-axis = Power)

1. **Players (High Power, High Interest)**

- E.g., project sponsor, client.
- Must **engage & collaborate closely**.

2. **Subjects (Low Power, High Interest)**

- E.g., support staff.
- Keep **consulted and informed**.

3. Context Setters (High Power, Low Interest)

- E.g., director of engineering.
- Keep **satisfied with high-level info**.

4. Crowd (Low Power, Low Interest)

- E.g., general public, casual observers.
 - Provide **basic updates only** (e.g., website, social media).
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Key Takeaways

- **Stakeholder management = expectation management.**
 - Must be **linked with communications management**.
 - Tools (Salience Model & Power-Interest Grid) help decide **who to prioritize, how much, and in what way**.
 - Tailor engagement strategy depending on **power, interest, legitimacy, and urgency**.
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This is excellent — you've already captured the **summary, highlights, and insights** in a structured way. To make it even more useful for quick learning (and exam prep), here's a **refined, concise version** of your notes that combines clarity with actionable takeaways:

Stakeholder Mapping

Summary

Stakeholder mapping is a **matrix-based tool** used to identify and organize stakeholders by **interest** and **influence**. It helps project managers tailor communication and engagement strategies to different stakeholder groups. High-influence & high-interest stakeholders need the most attention, while others require proportionate communication based on their position in the grid. Stakeholder maps should be **updated regularly** as roles and influence change throughout the project.

The Stakeholder Map (Power–Interest Grid)

Category	Description	Strategy
High Influence + High Interest	Key players (e.g., sponsors, clients)	Manage closely, frequent updates

Category	Description	Strategy
High Influence + Low Interest	Context setters (e.g., directors, regulators)	Keep satisfied, selective engagement
Low Influence + High Interest	Subjects/supporters (e.g., admin staff, end-users)	Keep informed, consult for insights
Low Influence + Low Interest	Crowd (general public, casual observers)	Minimal effort, monitor occasionally

💡 Highlights

- 💡 Essential for projects with multiple groups/partners.
 - 💡 Workshops encourage inclusive stakeholder identification.
 - ⚖️ Two axes: **interest + influence**.
 - 🔄 Maps must be updated as project evolves.
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💡 Key Insights

- Dual Dimensions = Clarity** → Prioritize based on *both* interest & influence.
 - Workshops = Buy-in** → Early engagement prevents missing hidden stakeholders.
 - High-High Stakeholders = Critical** → Frequent, transparent communication is vital.
 - High Influence, Low Interest = Subtle** → Don't overwhelm; give selective updates.
 - Low Influence, High Interest = Advocates** → Keep informed; they boost morale & advocacy.
 - Low-Low = Monitor** → Still track them, as influence/interest may grow.
 - Dynamic Map** → Must be reviewed & adjusted continuously.
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Who are stakeholders? (Select all that apply)

- Suppliers and investors in your project**
 - Anyone who could be affected by your project.**
 - Anyone who has an impact on your project.**
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Stakeholder analysis categorizes stakeholders by _____. (Select all that apply)

- level of involvement in your project**
- communications preferences
- influence on your project**
- interest in your project**

Question 3

A matrix or graph that classifies the level of interest and power that stakeholders have on your project is called a _____? (Select best answer)

- Salient Model
- Communications Model Grid
- **Power-Interest Grid.**
- Communications Model

The correct answer is:

Power-Interest Grid 

Explanation:

The **Power-Interest Grid** is a tool used in stakeholder management to classify stakeholders based on their **level of power (influence)** and **level of interest** in the project. This helps project managers decide how much attention and engagement each stakeholder requires.

- **Salience Model** is another stakeholder prioritization tool but focuses on **power, legitimacy, and urgency**.
 - **Communications Model/Grid** refers to the general process of sending and receiving messages, not stakeholder classification.
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Question 4

What is the best strategy for engaging stakeholders who are considered High Interest and High Power? (Select best answer)

- Keep satisfied
 - Monitor
 - Keep informed
 - **Manage closely**
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Project Resources & the Project Team

Summary

This module focuses on **project resource management**, emphasizing efficient use of all resources to achieve project goals. Resources include **equipment, inventory, money/capital, and people**. Project managers must determine:

- What resources are needed,
- When they are needed,
- How to acquire them, and
- How to ensure they are used effectively and efficiently.

A significant emphasis is placed on **human resources**, as people are the most critical resource in any project. Without skilled and motivated people, project tasks cannot be completed, making **people management and leadership** a core responsibility of the project manager.

Highlights

- Resources include equipment, inventory, capital, and human resources.
 - Project managers must plan **when and how** resources are acquired and used.
 - People are the **most important resource** in a project.
 - Managing physical resources is necessary, but **leading human resources is key**.
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Key Insights

- **People-first approach:** Project success depends heavily on having the right people in the right roles, equipped, trained, and motivated.
 - **Resource planning:** Effective allocation of equipment, inventory, and capital ensures smooth project execution.
 - **Efficiency and effectiveness:** Monitoring resource utilization helps avoid waste and ensures that the project progresses as planned.
 - **Leadership in resource management:** A project manager must not only assign tasks but also guide, support, and optimize the performance of their team.
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Project Resource Management:

Summary

Project Resource Management is about efficiently identifying, acquiring, and managing all resources required to complete a project successfully. Resources include **capital, technology, and people**, with an emphasis on human resources as the most critical asset. The **Project Management Institute (PMI)** defines it as the processes to ensure that the right resources are available **at the right time and place**. Resource management goes beyond procedural steps—it involves **planning, leading, developing, and motivating the project team**, as well as managing physical and technological resources effectively.

Types of Resources

1. **Capital**
 - Equipment, land, buildings, or office space.

- Funding and financial resources required for the project.
2. **Technology**
 - Software, tools, and systems needed for project execution.
 - Data protection and IT infrastructure.
 3. **People**
 - Most important resource.
 - Requires planning for team acquisition, development, leadership, and performance management.
 - Includes training, incentives, engagement, and conflict resolution.
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Processes in Project Resource Management (PMBOK Knowledge Area)

Process	Process Group	Description
Plan Resource Management	Planning	Defines how to estimate, acquire, manage, and lead resources; outputs a Resource Management Plan .
Estimate Activity Resources	Planning	Uses WBS and work packages to determine required resources and timing; produces a Resource Breakdown Structure .
Acquire Resources	Executing	Obtains physical resources and recruits team members to meet project outcomes.
Develop Team	Executing	Improves individual and team performance through training, trust-building, culture development, and conflict management.
Manage Team	Executing	Tracks team performance, provides feedback, manages changes, and optimizes team performance and behavior.
Control Resources	Monitoring & Controlling	Ensures physical resources are used efficiently, timely, and according to plan; focuses on monitoring, not managing people.

Key Insights

-  **People are the primary resource**—all other resources support their work.
-  **Resource planning is multi-faceted**, covering acquisition, scheduling, development, and monitoring.
-  **WBS and Resource Breakdown Structures** are crucial tools for estimating needs.

-  **Team development** is a continuous process, including training, engagement, and motivation.
 -  **Control** focuses on physical resources, ensuring they are used efficiently and meet project requirements.
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Resource planning

Summary

Brian E. Porter emphasizes that **resource planning** is crucial in project management due to limited organizational resources—human, material, or equipment. A **resource management plan** should outline resource needs, acquisition strategies, costs, and expertise requirements. Clear roles and responsibilities should be assigned, often via an organizational chart. Team development, including training, skill-building, and recognition, should be planned in advance. Control and accountability of physical resources are vital. Proper early planning ensures the right resources are available at the right time and cost, increasing project efficiency and success.

Highlights

-  Resource planning is essential given limited organizational resources.
 -  Resource management plans specify types and quantities of needed resources.
 -  Clear roles and responsibilities enhance accountability; organizational charts help.
 -  Team development through training and skill enhancement is crucial.
 -  Physical resources require control and accountability.
 -  Reward and recognition strategies improve motivation.
 -  Early, comprehensive planning ensures timely and cost-effective resource availability.
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Key Insights

-  **Scarcity Requires Strategic Planning:** Prioritize and plan resources to avoid delays or quality issues.
 -  **Structured Resource Plans Reduce Ambiguity:** Explicitly define people, equipment, tools, and facilities.
 -  **Defined Roles Enhance Accountability:** Assign clear ownership to prevent overlaps or gaps.
 -  **Team Development is an Investment:** Training benefits current and future projects.
 -  **Control Physical Resources:** Avoid conflicts and inefficiencies by documenting responsibility.
 -  **Recognition Motivates Teams:** Strategically rewarding contributions boosts engagement and productivity.
 -  **Early Planning Ensures Timely Availability:** Planning ahead aligns resource procurement with project schedules.
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project team assignment, organization charts, RAM, and RACI:

1. Importance of Clearly Defining Project Needs

- Project managers must identify all resources needed, including:

- **People** (project team members)
 - Physical resources (equipment, materials)
 - Technological resources (software, tools)
 - Ensures **resources are assigned effectively, efficiently, and appropriately** to project tasks.
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2. Project Organization Chart

- **Purpose:** Visual tool to define the hierarchy, roles, and responsibilities in the project team.
 - **Benefits:**
 - Provides a **clear view of reporting structure**.
 - Helps in **streamlining task assignment**.
 - Clarifies **who is responsible for what**.
 - Useful for **new team members** to understand roles quickly.
 - **Development Steps:**
 1. Identify all project roles and positions.
 2. Determine reporting relationships.
 3. Create a visual representation showing hierarchy and relationships.
 4. Update regularly as team or project changes.
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3. Responsibility Assignment Matrix (RAM)

- **Definition:** A matrix that links **project tasks or work packages** to **team members or roles**.
 - **Purpose:**
 - Ensures every task has **assigned responsibility**.
 - Highlights tasks **without owners** or **overloaded resources**.
 - **Benefits:**
 - Improves accountability.
 - Clarifies roles.
 - Supports workload management.
 - **Structure:**
 - **Rows:** Tasks / activities.
 - **Columns:** Roles / team members.
 - **Cells:** Assignment of responsibility (e.g., who does what).
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4. RACI Chart

- **Definition:** A specific type of RAM that assigns roles using four categories:
 - **R – Responsible:** Who performs the work or task.
 - **A – Accountable:** Who owns the task; ensures completion and approves deliverables.
 - **C – Consulted:** Who provides input, expertise, or advice.
 - **I – Informed:** Who needs to be updated on progress or decisions.
- **Purpose:**
 - Provides **clarity on responsibilities and communication**.
 - Helps avoid **confusion or duplication of work**.
- **Benefits:**
 - Improves **team collaboration**.
 - Enhances **project efficiency and accountability**.
 - Supports **decision-making and stakeholder communication**.
- **How to use:**
 1. List all project tasks or deliverables.

2. List all team members/roles.
 3. Assign R, A, C, or I for each task-person intersection.
 4. Review for clarity and balance.
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Key Takeaways

- Assigning resources **without clear roles leads to confusion** and inefficiency.
 - Organization charts provide a **structural overview**; RAM and RACI provide **detailed task-level responsibility mapping**.
 - Using RAM and RACI **reduces risks** of unassigned tasks, duplicate efforts, and miscommunication.
 - Regularly updating these tools ensures alignment with project changes.
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“Estimate Activity Resources” and “Resource Breakdown Structure (RBS)”:

1. Estimate Activity Resources

Definition:

The process of identifying the **types and quantities of resources** (people, equipment, materials) needed to complete project activities.

Purpose:

- Ensure that the **right resources are available at the right time**.
- Avoid **delays or bottlenecks** caused by insufficient or improperly allocated resources.
- Support **budgeting, scheduling, and procurement planning**.

Key Inputs:

- **Work Breakdown Structure (WBS):** Provides a hierarchical breakdown of project tasks.
- **Project documents:** Includes activity lists, assumptions, constraints, and previous lessons learned.

Critical Steps:

1. **Review the WBS and Work Packages:** Determine resource needs for each task.
 2. **Identify Types of Resources Required:**
 - **Human resources:** Skills, roles, number of team members.
 - **Physical resources:** Equipment, tools, materials.
 - **Technological resources:** Software, data systems, or IT infrastructure.
 3. **Estimate Quantities and Duration:** Assign the number of resources required and the expected time they will be needed.
 4. **Document Assumptions:** Note any constraints, dependencies, or special conditions.
 5. **Validate Estimates:** Cross-check with subject-matter experts or historical project data.
- Outputs:**
- Resource requirements for each activity.
 - Basis for creating a **Resource Breakdown Structure**.
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2. Resource Breakdown Structure (RBS)

Definition:

A hierarchical **chart or list** that organizes resources by category and type for easy visualization and management. It is similar in structure to a WBS but focused on resources instead of tasks.

Purpose:

- Provides a **clear overview of all resources required** for the project.
- Helps **identify gaps or over-allocation** of resources.
- Supports **budgeting, procurement, and scheduling decisions**.

Structure:

- **Levels of the RBS:**
 1. **Category level:** Broad resource types (e.g., Human, Equipment, Materials).
 2. **Subcategory level:** Specific groups (e.g., Developers, Engineers, Laptops, Machinery).
 3. **Individual resources:** Names or specific assets if necessary.

Steps to Develop an RBS:

1. List all resources identified during activity resource estimation.
2. Group resources by **type or category**.
3. Break down each category into **subcategories or specific items**.
4. Assign **quantities or availability** as needed.
5. Use RBS to **cross-check with project schedule and budget**.

Benefits:

- Provides a **visual representation of all project resources**.
- Helps in **planning and tracking resource allocation**.
- Reduces the risk of **resource conflicts** during project execution.
- Facilitates **communication with stakeholders** about resource needs.

Key Takeaways

- **Estimating activity resources** ensures the project has the **right type and quantity of resources** at the right time.
- **Resource Breakdown Structure (RBS)** organizes resources hierarchically for better planning and control.
- Together, **resource estimation and RBS** provide a **foundation for resource management**, scheduling, and cost control.

“Acquiring Project Resources in a Matrix Organization”

Acquiring Project Resources

Definition:

The process of acquiring resources involves obtaining both **physical resources** (equipment, materials) and **human resources** (project team members) necessary to complete the project successfully.

Importance:

- Ensures the project has the **right people and tools at the right time**.
- Impacts project **efficiency, quality, and timely completion**.

Matrix Organization

Definition:

A management structure where **employees report to two or more managers**:

1. **Functional Manager:** Manages departmental responsibilities.
2. **Project Manager:** Oversees project-specific tasks.

Purpose of Matrix Structure:

- Allows for **cross-functional collaboration**.
- Enables **efficient use of specialized resources** across multiple projects.

- Makes **flexible allocation** of staff possible depending on project needs.

Example:

- You are managing Project C.
- Team members: operations specialist, marketing person, IT resource.
- Each team member reports to both:
 - **You (project manager)** for project tasks.
 - **Functional manager** (e.g., Director of Marketing) for departmental responsibilities.

Advantages of Matrix Organizations

- **✓ Flexible resource allocation:** Team members can move between projects as needed.
- **✓ Efficient use of specialized resources:** Subject matter experts are available without hiring externally.
- **✓ Access to expertise:** Project benefits from skills of specialists in IT, marketing, operations, etc.
- **✓ Increased productivity:** Resources shared across projects improve overall efficiency.

Challenges of Matrix Organizations

- **⚠ Complex structure:** Multiple reporting lines can confuse employees.
- **⚠ Conflicting interests:** Employees may face competing demands from different managers.
- **⚠ Resource competition:** Multiple projects may compete for the best resources.
- **⚠ Potential for conflict:** Negotiation skills are essential for resolving disputes over resources.

Types of Matrix Organizations & Power Balance

1. **Weak Matrix:**

- Project manager acts as **coordinator**.
- Functional manager holds most power.
- PM has limited authority over resources.

2. **Balanced Matrix:**

- Power **shared equally** between project manager and functional manager.
- PM has authority only over **project-related tasks and resources**.
- Can be challenging for team members due to dual authority.

3. **Strong Matrix:**

- Project manager holds **greatest authority**.
- PM controls **resource allocation** for the project.
- PM has more power than functional managers for project-specific decisions.

Key Takeaways

- Matrix organizations are **efficient yet complex**.
- Project managers must **negotiate effectively** to secure top resources.
- Understanding **types of matrices** helps PMs plan resource allocation and manage authority conflicts.
- Strong **leadership and communication skills** are essential to manage people reporting to multiple managers.

Negotiating for Project Resources

Definition:

Project managers constantly **negotiate** to secure the necessary resources—human, physical, and financial—to achieve project goals and deliverables.

Importance:

- Ensures **availability of resources** when they are limited.
 - Critical when projects are **on a tight or compressed schedule**.
 - Helps **align resource allocation** with project priorities and objectives.
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Key Points About Negotiation in Project Management

1. **Daily Necessity:**
 - Negotiation is a **routine part of a PM's job**, not just a special situation.
 - Includes negotiating with **functional managers, team members, suppliers, or stakeholders**.
 2. **Resource Scarcity:**
 - Scarce resources require **prioritization and persuasion**.
 - PMs must communicate **why resources are needed** and how they will impact project success.
 3. **Tools and Techniques:**
 - Use **preparation and planning**: Know exactly what resources are needed and why.
 - Establish **clear priorities** to negotiate effectively.
 - Consider **trade-offs and alternatives** if full resource allocation is not possible.
 - Build **relationships and influence** to gain cooperation from functional managers and stakeholders.
 4. **Outcome-Oriented:**
 - Negotiation should focus on **achieving project goals efficiently**.
 - Maintain **professionalism and collaboration** while asserting project needs.
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Best Practices

- Prepare a **resource justification** before negotiation.
 - Understand the **organization's priorities** and the perspective of other managers.
 - Be **flexible but firm**: Offer alternatives if needed while keeping the project objectives in focus.
 - Document agreements to ensure **clarity and accountability**.
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 **Insight:** Effective negotiation ensures that the project **has the right resources at the right time**, avoiding delays, bottlenecks, and conflicts. Strong negotiation skills are especially critical in **matrix organizations** where resources are shared across multiple projects.

Question 1

What is the most important resource in Project Management? (Select best answer)

- Customer
- Project Management Office
- **People**

- **Answer:**
- **People**
- **Explanation:** In project management, people (the project team) are considered the most important resource because they execute tasks, make decisions, and drive the project toward its objectives. Without the right people, even with tools, equipment, and funding, a project cannot succeed.

Question 2

Which inputs could a project manager use to estimate project resources?

(Select all that apply)

- Activity List**
- Company Historical Data**
- Work Breakdown Structure**

Explanation:

All three are essential inputs for estimating project resources:

- **Activity List:** Identifies all tasks that require resources.
- **Company Historical Data:** Provides past project information to improve accuracy in resource estimation.
- **Work Breakdown Structure (WBS):** Breaks the project into manageable components, helping to identify specific resources needed for each work package.

Question 3

In resource planning it is important to document all of the following except: (Select best answer)

- Recognition and Rewards Plan
- **Power/Interest stakeholder grid**
- Team member roles and responsibilities
- Physical resource needs
- Team development needs

Answer: **Power/Interest stakeholder grid**

Explanation:

Resource planning focuses on the **people, physical resources, and team management** aspects of a project:

- **Recognition and Rewards Plan:** Helps motivate and retain team members.
- **Team member roles and responsibilities:** Ensures clarity in who does what.
- **Physical resource needs:** Documents equipment, materials, and tools required.
- **Team development needs:** Includes training and skill development.

The **Power/Interest stakeholder grid** is related to **stakeholder management**, not resource planning, so it is **not part of resource documentation**.

Question 4

Albert is assigned to manage a project in a medium-sized, international organization. Albert primarily acts as a project coordinator and has limited power in allocating project resources. Which organizational structure best represents Albert's company? (Select best answer)

- Traditional Management Structure
- **Weak Matrix Organization**
- Balance Matrix Organization
- Strong Matrix Organization

Answer: **Weak Matrix Organization**

- **Explanation:**
- In a **Weak Matrix Organization**, the **project manager has limited authority** and primarily acts as a **project coordinator**.
- Most resource allocation and decision-making power remains with the **functional managers**.
- This matches the scenario where Albert has **limited power in allocating resources**.
- Other options:
 - **Traditional Management Structure:** Single chain of command, no matrix complexity.
 - **Balanced Matrix Organization:** Power is shared equally between project and functional managers.
 - **Strong Matrix Organization:** Project manager has high authority over resources and project decisions.

Question 5

Before entering into any negotiations, what is the most important quality a project manager should possess? (Select the best answer)

- Maintain a controlling (hard bargaining) perspective for your project.
- Ask the project sponsor for guidance.
- **Be prepared**

Answer: **Be prepared**

Explanation:

- Preparation is **critical** for successful negotiation. A project manager should clearly understand the project's needs, available resources, priorities, and potential trade-offs before negotiating.
- Being prepared allows the PM to **present strong arguments, anticipate objections, and reach mutually beneficial agreements**.

Other options:

- **Maintain a controlling (hard bargaining) perspective:** Can create conflict and damage relationships.
 - **Ask the project sponsor for guidance:** Useful sometimes, but relying solely on guidance is not sufficient preparation.
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Project Team and Leadership

Importance of the Team:

- The **right team** can make or break a project.
- Project managers have both the **responsibility and opportunity** to build and improve team performance.

Role of the Project Manager:

- **Cultivate a positive team environment** to enhance collaboration.
- **Manage conflicts** effectively within the team.
- **Set the tone** for team culture and work ethic.

Project Manager's Power:

- PMs have **different sources of power** to influence, motivate, and guide their team.
- Understanding these powers is key to leading effectively.

Team Formation:

- Learn the **stages of team formation** to manage team dynamics.
- Helps in improving team cohesion and productivity.

Leadership Theories:

- Study different **leadership styles and theories**.
- Helps answer the question: "*What type of leader will you be?*"

Key Takeaway:

- Building a strong project team requires **strategic leadership, motivation, conflict management, and clear communication**.
 - Your leadership style directly impacts **team performance and project success**.
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types of power a project manager can have:

Project Manager Power and Influence

Context:

- Project managers have **power over their project and team**, but others (e.g., customers, sponsors) can also influence the PM.
- Understanding your sources of power helps manage people and achieve project goals effectively.

French & Raven's Five Bases of Power (1950s):

1. **Legitimate Power**
 - Derived from a **position or formal authority**.
 - Example: CEO, VP, or manager can assign tasks based on rank.
 - Power comes from **organizational hierarchy**.
2. **Reward Power**

- Ability to **give benefits or incentives** for desired behavior.
 - Can be tangible (bonuses, promotions) or intangible (recognition, favors).
 - Encourages compliance through **positive reinforcement**.
3. **Expert Power**
- Based on **knowledge, skill, or competence** in a specific area.
 - Others seek your advice or guidance because of your expertise.
 - Example: A team member known for excellent coding or client relations.
4. **Referent Power**
- Derived from **likability, relationships, and networking ability**.
 - People follow you because they **like, respect, or trust** you.
 - Builds influence through interpersonal connections rather than authority.
5. **Coercive Power**
- Ability to **punish or force compliance**.
 - Example: Reprimanding employees, enforcing overtime.
 - Generally **discouraged**, as it can lead to low morale and dissatisfaction.
- Key Takeaways for Project Managers:**
- Reflect on **what types of power you have** in your role.
 - Choose to use power in ways that **motivate and engage the team**, rather than force compliance.
 - A balance of **legitimate, reward, expert, and referent power** is typically most effective.
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Team Development and Tuckman's Model:

Team Development Overview

- Building a **high-performing project team** requires time, effort, and strategic leadership.
 - Teams naturally progress through **different stages of development**, which affect communication, collaboration, and performance.
 - Understanding these stages helps **project managers guide the team effectively** and address challenges proactively.
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Tuckman's Team Development Model (1960s)

Stages of Team Development:

1. **Forming**
 - **Characteristics:** Team members are polite, cautious, and figuring out their roles.
 - **Project Manager Role:** Provide clear direction, establish goals, clarify roles, and build initial trust.
2. **Storming**
 - **Characteristics:** Conflicts and disagreements arise as team members push boundaries and challenge ideas.
 - **Project Manager Role:** Facilitate open communication, mediate conflicts, and encourage problem-solving without taking sides.
3. **Norming**
 - **Characteristics:** Team begins to cooperate, establish norms, and build stronger relationships.
 - **Project Manager Role:** Reinforce positive behaviors, support collaboration, and solidify processes and standards.

4. **Performing**
 - **Characteristics:** Team operates efficiently toward project goals with high autonomy, trust, and synergy.
 - **Project Manager Role:** Focus on strategic leadership, removing obstacles, and supporting continuous improvement.
 5. **Adjourning (added later)**
 - **Characteristics:** Team disbands after achieving goals or project completion.
 - **Project Manager Role:** Celebrate achievements, document lessons learned, and support team members in transition.
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Key Takeaways

- Teams evolve; understanding **team lifecycle stages** improves management and project outcomes.
 - Project managers must **adapt leadership style** to the team's current stage.
 - Recognizing and addressing conflicts early (Storming) and reinforcing norms (Norming) are crucial for reaching the **Performing stage**.
 - Proper closure (Adjourning) ensures team members feel recognized and lessons are captured for future projects.
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Leadership Types for Project Management:

Understanding Leadership Types

- Leadership is about **influence**, not just management.
 - **No one-size-fits-all:** Leadership style can vary by person, team, or situation.
 - Effective project managers may **adapt their style** based on the project phase, team maturity, or challenges.
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Common Leadership Styles

1. **Servant Leadership**
 - Focus: Team first, empower members, develop skills.
 - Effect: Increases overall team performance and morale.
2. **Autocratic Leadership**
 - Focus: Leader maintains control, makes decisions independently.
 - Effect: Fast decision-making; minimal team input.
3. **Democratic Leadership**
 - Focus: Shared decision-making, seeks team input.
 - Effect: Encourages collaboration, ownership, and buy-in.
4. **Charismatic Leadership**
 - Focus: Leader inspires through confidence, enthusiasm, and personality.
 - Effect: Motivates team via energy and personal influence.
5. **Directing Leadership**
 - Focus: Provides clear instructions and structured processes.
 - Effect: Works well for new or inexperienced team members.
6. **Transactional Leadership**
 - Focus: Rewards success, punishes failure; relies on rules and procedures.
 - Effect: Clear expectations and accountability; motivates via structure.
7. **Transformational Leadership**

- Focus: Inspires and motivates team to exceed expectations.
 - Effect: Encourages innovation, high engagement, and personal growth.
8. **Laissez-faire Leadership**
- Focus: Hands-off approach, team sets goals and makes decisions.
 - Effect: Works best with experienced, self-motivated teams; can lead to lack of direction if unstructured.
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Key Takeaways

- Leadership style should **match team needs and project context**.
 - Understanding your own style helps **maximize influence and team performance**.
 - Flexibility is crucial—effective leaders may combine styles as needed.
 - Awareness of team dynamics and development stage (Tuckman's Model) helps tailor your leadership approach.
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Motivation Theories in Project Management

Motivation in Project Management

- Motivation explains **why people behave in certain ways** to satisfy their needs.
 - Employee motivation impacts **productivity, engagement, and project success**.
 - Theories of motivation are grouped into:
 1. **Content Theories** – Focus on *what motivates people*.
 2. **Process Theories** – Focus on *how motivation occurs*.
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Content Theories (What Motivates People)

1. **Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs**
 - Needs are hierarchical; lower-level needs must be satisfied before higher-level ones.
 - Levels:
 1. Physiological (food, water)
 2. Safety (job security, safety from harm)
 3. Social (relationships, belonging)
 4. Esteem (recognition, status)
 5. Self-actualization (personal growth, achieving potential)
 2. **Herzberg's Two-Factor Theory**
 - **Motivators** → Increase motivation (interesting work, recognition).
 - **Hygiene Factors** → Prevent demotivation (salary, working conditions).
 3. **Three Needs Theory (McClelland)**
 - Needs: Achievement, Affiliation, Power.
 - Managers can set **motivational targets** based on individual needs.
 4. **McGregor's Theory X & Y**
 - **Theory X**: Employees are lazy; require supervision.
 - **Theory Y**: Employees are self-motivated; perform well under the right conditions.
 5. **ERG Theory (Alderfer)**
 - Simplified Maslow: Existence, Relatedness, Growth.
 6. **Mayo's Motivation Theory**
 - Employee performance influenced by **group norms** and **cohesiveness**.
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Process Theories (How Motivation Occurs)

1. **Adam's Equity Theory**
 - Motivation depends on perceived **fairness** relative to others.
 - Inequity may reduce effort or satisfaction.
2. **Vroom's Expectancy Theory**
 - Motivation = Expectancy × Instrumentality × Valence
 - Factors:
 - **Expectancy:** Effort → Performance
 - **Instrumentality:** Performance → Reward
 - **Valence:** Value of the reward
3. **Taylor's Scientific Management**
 - Employees motivated mainly by **money**.
 - Work should be closely monitored for efficiency.
4. **Self-Efficacy Theory**
 - Motivation linked to **belief in ability** to complete tasks.
 - Influenced by: Experience, Observing others, Encouragement, Comfort level.
5. **Reinforcement Theory**
 - Motivation influenced by consequences:
 - Positive Reinforcement → Reward desired behavior
 - Negative Reinforcement → Remove negative conditions
 - Punishment → Discourage undesired behavior
 - Extinction → Remove reinforcement of unwanted behavior
6. **Locke's Goal-Setting Theory**
 - Right goals boost motivation and productivity.
 - Effective goals are: Clear, Challenging, Committed, Feedback-based, and Appropriate in complexity.

Key Takeaways

- Motivation theories help **understand and influence team behavior**.
 - Content theories explain *what motivates*, process theories explain *how motivation works*.
 - Project managers should **tailor motivation strategies** to team needs, goals, and individual differences.
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Team Performance Appraisals in Matrix Organizations

Team Performance Appraisals in Matrix Organizations

Key Challenges

- In **matrix organizations**, team members report to **more than one manager** (functional and project managers).
- Project Managers may be **responsible for project deliverables** but lack **formal authority** to evaluate individual performance.
- This dual reporting can lead to **accountability gaps** and confusion over performance feedback.

Role of the Project Manager

- **Provide performance feedback** without direct evaluation authority.

- Focus on **project-related contributions** rather than personal performance appraisals.
 - Ensure feedback is **constructive, timely, and linked to project goals**.
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Practical Steps for Project Managers

1. **Integrate into Management Plans**
 - Include performance feedback process in the **Project Management Plan**.
 - Align with the **Communications Plan** to ensure clarity on how and when feedback will be given.
 2. **Use Metrics and Deliverables**
 - Base feedback on **objective project outcomes**, deadlines met, and quality of work.
 - Avoid subjective judgments; focus on **project contributions**.
 3. **Collaborate with Functional Managers**
 - Coordinate with the **functional manager** for overall appraisal.
 - Ensure **feedback is consistent** with the employee's performance evaluation in their functional role.
 4. **Promote Accountability**
 - Clearly communicate expectations and responsibilities for project tasks.
 - Use feedback sessions to **recognize achievements** and **address performance gaps**.
 5. **Document Feedback**
 - Keep a record of discussions, accomplishments, and improvement areas.
 - Helps in **tracking progress** and supporting formal evaluations by functional managers.
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Key Takeaways

- Matrix structures require **collaboration and coordination** between project and functional managers for performance management.
 - Project Managers can **influence accountability** through structured feedback even without formal authority.
 - Embedding performance evaluation processes in project planning ensures **clarity, fairness, and project success**.
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Emotional Intelligence (EI) in Project Management

Emotional Intelligence (EI)

Definition:

The ability to **recognize, understand, and manage our own emotions** as well as **perceive and influence the emotions of others** to enhance team performance.

"No matter how hard we try, we all show up to work with our emotions. Recognizing and using them effectively can benefit the team."

Daniel Goleman's Four Components of Emotional Intelligence (1995)

1. **Self-Awareness**
 - Understanding your **own emotions**, drives, strengths, and weaknesses.
 - Recognizing how your emotions affect your **thoughts, behavior, and decisions**.
 - Key for honest self-reflection and growth.
2. **Self-Management**

- Managing your **emotions and behavior** effectively.
 - Staying calm and positive under pressure.
 - Avoiding reactive responses that could harm team dynamics.
3. **Social Awareness**
- Recognizing and understanding the **emotions of others**.
 - Being empathetic to teammates' feelings and perspectives.
 - Helps in **reading the room** and fostering collaboration.
4. **Relationship Management**
- Applying emotional understanding in **communication and teamwork**.
 - Resolving conflicts constructively, influencing positively, and building strong professional relationships.
 - Encourages cooperation and trust within the team.
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Importance of Emotional Intelligence in Project Management

- EI improves **team collaboration, morale, and motivation**.
 - Enables project managers to **handle conflicts and stress effectively**.
 - Supports **better decision-making** by understanding emotional influences on behavior.
 - Helps in **leadership and influencing team performance** positively.
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Emotional Intelligence (EI) in Project Management:

Emotional Intelligence (EI) in Project Management

Definition:

Emotional Intelligence is the ability to **recognize, understand, and manage your own emotions**, as well as **perceive and influence the emotions of others**. Using EI effectively can improve team performance, collaboration, and overall project success.

Benefits of EI for Project Managers

- Creates environments of **open communication and collaboration**.
 - Allows leaders to **adapt their leadership style** to the needs of the team and project goals.
 - Improves **conflict resolution**, morale, and engagement.
 - Supports better **decision-making** under pressure by considering emotional factors.
 - Enhances **team motivation** and performance through understanding and empathy.
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Daniel Goleman's Four Components of EI

1. **Self-Awareness**
- Understanding your own emotions, strengths, and weaknesses.
 - Recognizing how your emotions affect decisions and behavior.
2. **Self-Management**
- Controlling your emotions and reactions.
 - Maintaining professionalism and focus, even under stress.
3. **Social Awareness**
- Perceiving and understanding the emotions of others.
 - Demonstrating empathy and building rapport with team members.
4. **Relationship Management**
- Applying emotional understanding to guide interactions.

- Resolving conflicts, influencing others positively, and fostering collaboration.
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Key Insights from Korn Ferry Institute Report

- EI is considered a **“soft skill” with a sharp impact** on leadership effectiveness.
 - Leaders with high EI can **read the needs of their teams, adapt strategies, and inspire performance.**
 - Emotional intelligence is essential for managing both **human dynamics** and project goals simultaneously.
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Application in Projects

- **Team Environment:** Use EI to encourage **open dialogue and idea sharing.**
 - **Leadership Flexibility:** Adjust leadership style (e.g., coaching, mentoring, directing) based on **team composition and project demands.**
 - **Conflict Management:** Anticipate and mitigate conflicts before they escalate.
 - **Motivation & Engagement:** Recognize and respond to individual team members' emotional needs to maintain high engagement.
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Global Megatrends Affecting Project Management

Global Megatrends in Project Management (PMI Report)

The way we work has changed significantly since 2020 due to the pandemic. PMI identifies **six key megatrends** impacting projects and workplaces globally.

1. Acceleration of the Digital World

- Digital transformation enables **remote project management** and **global team collaboration.**
 - Key technologies:
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Machine Learning
 - Cloud computing
 - Internet of Things (IoT)
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2. Climate Crisis & Sustainability

- Sustainability practices must be **integrated into every project.**
 - Project managers need to consider **environmental impact** in planning and execution.
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3. Shifting Workforce Demographics

- Demand: **25 million new project management professionals** needed in the next 8 years.
 - Challenges:
 - Talent shortage
 - Great resignation (mass resignations/change in careers)
 - Recommendations:
 - Use technology to **reduce workload**
 - Recruit younger workers to **rebuild talent pipelines**
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4. Supply Chain Disruption

- Impacts all industries and consumers.

- Recommendations:
 - Build **cross-border collaborations**
 - Share knowledge to **support recovery in less connected regions**
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5. Labor Shortage & Employee Expectations

- Historic labor shortages due to pandemic-related departures, especially among **women and underrepresented groups**.
 - Employees seek:
 - Better **work-life balance**
 - Companies with **positive social impact**
 - Recognition and reward for contributions
 - Organizations must **reset the employer-employee relationship** to retain talent.
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6. Demand for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (DEI)

- Integration of DEI in **all workplace functions**:
 - Equal pay for women, ethnic minorities, and others
 - Inclusion of employees with disabilities
 - Supportive environment for LGBTQ+ employees
 - Actions:
 - Engage employees in policy-making and goal-setting
 - Build resource groups and training programs
 - Recruit and retain **diverse talent** in an inclusive culture
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Summary

- Projects today must account for **technology, sustainability, workforce changes, supply chain issues, employee expectations, and DEI**.
 - Effective project management now requires **adaptability, empathy, and forward-thinking strategies**.
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Innovative Teams & Workforce Diversity

Innovative Teams: Leveraging Diversity and Inclusion for Competitive Advantage

Organizations face increasing pressure from employees, customers, investors, and society to **cultivate diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplaces**. However, many companies struggle to move beyond compliance-driven initiatives and fail to fully integrate diversity as a **strategic business advantage**.

Business Case for Workforce Diversity

- Prioritizing **diverse talent, equitable hiring, and inclusive cultures** drives:
 - Stronger **innovation**
 - Improved **employee retention**
 - Better **financial outcomes**
- Key insights:
 - Companies committed to **supplier diversity** achieve **1.3x higher ROI**.
 - **Bias and unfair treatment** are major factors in **employee turnover**.
 - Job seekers increasingly value companies with **inclusion and social responsibility**.

- Investors and society now actively evaluate workforce diversity as part of corporate governance.
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Challenges in Achieving Progress

1. **Narrow Focus on Representation**
 - Efforts often target demographic diversity in hiring but **neglect career growth, mentorship, and leadership opportunities**.
 2. **Overly Simplistic Approaches**
 - Treat employees as **demographic groups**, ignoring individual experiences and needs.
 3. **Lack of Strategic Integration**
 - Workforce diversity is often seen as **compliance**, not a driver for **innovation, market growth, or brand value**.
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Strategic Shifts for Leaders

1. **Expand Scope of Inclusion**
 - Recognize **intersectionality** of employee identities.
 - Address **full employee lifecycle**: recruitment → development → leadership.
 - Support both **functional** (pay equity) and **emotional** (feeling valued) needs.
 2. **Embed Inclusive Practices**
 - Leverage diversity for **innovation** in products/services.
 - Expand **supplier diversity** for resilient, competitive supply chains.
 - Partner externally to drive **systemic industry-wide change**.
 3. **Use Data-Driven Metrics**
 - Measure **inclusion, career progression, and retention**, not just representation.
 - Align diversity goals with **business objectives** (financial, customer engagement, market growth).
 - Enhance transparency and hold leadership accountable.
 4. **Amplify Societal Impact**
 - Lead inclusion initiatives internally and externally to **build brand loyalty** and attract talent.
 - Align business strategy with **social impact** (supporting diverse entrepreneurs, underrepresented talent).
 - Investors increasingly evaluate **ESG commitment** through diversity performance.
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Key Takeaway

- Inclusion efforts must **shift from compliance to strategy**.
 - A **multidimensional approach** fosters innovation, strengthens engagement, enhances competitive advantage, and aligns with long-term business objectives.
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Your project team have just started to work well together after a rough start. You have two individuals who have not gotten along in the past. They are now adjusting to each other's work habits and behaviors and are committing to common goals. Which stage of the Tuckman ladder has your team entered? (Select best answer)

- Storming
- **Norming**
- Forming
- Performing

The correct answer is: **Norming** 

Explanation:

- In **Norming**, team members resolve conflicts, adjust to each other's work styles, and start committing to shared goals.
 - **Storming** is when conflicts and disagreements are still present.
 - **Forming** is the initial stage when the team is just coming together.
 - **Performing** is when the team is working at a high level of productivity with minimal supervision.
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Question 2

Who should conduct performance reviews for individual project team members? (Select all that apply)

- Project Sponsor
- Project Management Office
- **Functional Manager**
- **Project Manager**

The correct answers are:

- **Functional Manager** 
- **Project Manager** 

Explanation:

- In a **matrix organization**, team members may report to both a functional manager and a project manager.
 - **Functional managers** typically handle formal performance appraisals since they have authority over the employee's career progression.
 - **Project managers** may provide **input or feedback** on performance related to project work but often do not have the formal authority to conduct official reviews.
 - **Project Sponsor** and **PMO** generally do not conduct individual performance reviews.
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Question 3

In evaluating team member performance, in a matrix organization, project managers usually have the greatest influence on: (Select best answer)

- External factors such as working conditions and job titles
- Motivational factors such as pay and job status
- Hygiene factors such as extrinsic rewards.
- **Motivational factors such as meaningful work and employee recognition**

The correct answer is:

Motivational factors such as meaningful work and employee recognition

Explanation:

- In a **matrix organization**, the project manager often **does not control pay, job titles, or formal rewards** (these are typically managed by the functional manager).
 - However, the project manager **can influence motivation** by:
 - Assigning meaningful work
 - Recognizing contributions
 - Providing growth opportunities and feedback
 - These are intrinsic motivators that can **boost engagement and performance** even without direct control over extrinsic rewards.
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Question 4

The component of emotional intelligence that describes the ability to recognize and understand our own emotions, strengths, and weaknesses refers to: (Select best answer)

- Relationship Management
- **Self-awareness**
- Self-management
- Social Awareness

The correct answer is:

Self-awareness

Explanation:

- **Self-awareness** is the ability to **recognize and understand your own emotions, personal strengths, weaknesses, values, and drivers**.
- It is the foundation of emotional intelligence, as it allows you to manage yourself effectively and understand how your emotions affect your decisions and interactions.
- The other components:
 - **Self-management** → controlling and regulating your emotions and behavior.
 - **Social awareness** → recognizing and understanding others' emotions.
 - **Relationship management** → using emotional awareness to build and maintain healthy relationships.