

* Network Crashing:-

- It is a Project mgmt. technique used to shorten the project duratⁿ by reducing the time of one or more critical activities.
- It can be done by adding extra resources (such as labor, machinery or money) to speed up the executⁿ of specific tasks.
- The main goal of n/w crashing is to achieve the shortest project completⁿ time with the least possible cost.

* When to use Network Crashing:-

- It is used when:-
- the project is behind schedule.
- There is a high demand to meet a project deadline.
- when client is willing to pay extra for faster delivery.
- if any late completion penalties ~~prevail~~ are applicable then w/w crashing can be used.

* N/w Crashing Procedures:-

steps to perform n/w crashing are:

① Identify Critical Path:

- we use tools like CPM to identify the seq. of tasks to determine the shortest project duratⁿ.

② List Crashable Activities:-

- Identify activities that can be completed faster by allocating additional resources. Only consider activities on the Critical Path.

- ③ Calculate crash cost per unit time:-
- Determine extra cost required to reduce the duration of each activity by one unit of time (usually days)

$$\text{Crash cost per day} = \frac{\text{Crash Cost} - \text{Normal Cost}}{\text{Normal Time} - \text{Crash Time}}$$

- ④ Select Activities to Crash:-
- Prioritize activities with the lowest crash cost per unit time.
 - Crash the selected activity for the max. possible duration without changing the critical path.

- ⑤ Update Nlw diagram:-
- Recalculate the project duration & identify the new critical path.

- ⑥ Repeat if necessary:-
- Continue crashing until the desired project duration is achieved or further crashing is possible.

- ⑦ Cost-Benefit Analysis:-
- check whether additional cost required is justified by the benefit of reduced project time.

* Advantages & Disadvantages:-

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helps to meet tight deadlines - it increases customer satisfaction - Minimizes delay penalties. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher project cost. - may cause resource overloading - Quality Risk due to rushing |
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- so, network crashing is useful technique in project management when time is more critical than cost. But it should be used carefully by balancing the cost, risk & quality of the project.