Project Management Course Serious Game

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 - Deliverable: Powerpoint presentation

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 - Deliverable: Critical Chain analysis
 - Deliverable: Critical Path diagram
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 - Deliverable: Powerpoint presentation
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 - Practice: Steering committee presentation and debriefing
 - Deliverable: Powerpoint presentation
 - Exam: Closure: Preparing the lessons learned presentation

Day 4

- Session 7
 - 5. Project Execution 2/2
 - Practice: Following execution phase on the simulation
 - Exam: Closure: Preparing the lessons learned presentation
- Session 8
 - Synthesis
 - Exam: Lessons learned presentation
 - Deliverable: Powerpoint presentation
 - Course debriefing

Final Exam - Lessons Learned

Presentation Plan

- 1. What problems we've faced?
- 2. What was the consequences?
- 3. What was the causes?
- 4. What was the solutions?
- 5. What lessons we've learned in this game / in this course?

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Introduction

« Tell me and I forget,

Teach me and I remember,

Involve me and I learn. »

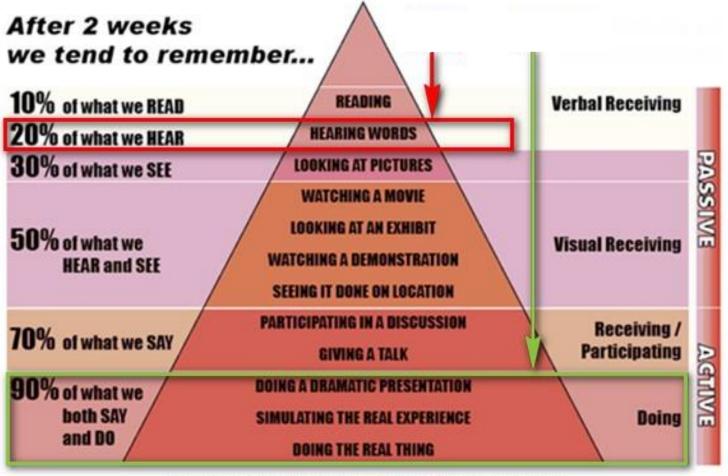
Benjamin Franklin

(1706 – 1790, President of Pennsylvania state)

« La connaissance s'acquiert par l'expérience, tout le reste n'est que de l'information » Education pour une pensée libre Albert Einstein

Cone of Learning

Cone of Learning (Edgar Dale)



Edgar Dale, Audio-Visual Methods in Technology, Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

What is a Serious Game?

A **Serious Game** is a software which combines serious and enjoying objectives.

Here the educational aspect is targeted. Serious game's vocation is to transform the serious dimension throughout a form, an interaction, rules and enjoying objectives.

The idea is to learn through play and understand through experience, in order to improve significantly the participants involment rate and consequently the training success rate.

What are we going to play?

"Project Management Game"

... developped by

School of Business

and Engineering Vaud (Switzerland)



Caracteristics

- Web-based
- Exhaustive
- Interactive
- Customizable

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Academic References





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Goals



- To learn throught the game aiming to consencuently increase students involvement rate and so the course efficiency
- To understand by experience
- To make the Project Management theoric notions to be applied

Goals are NOT



- To sign the attendance sheet
- To pass the time
- To waste time
- To look at your emails or smartphones
- To do something else

I need your concentration...
You need your concentration!

Concentration is the secret of strength.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Project Management Overview

Definitions

Project

A sequence of unique, complex and connected activities, having one goal and that must be completed by a specific time, within budget and according to specifications.

[Wysocki]

• Project management

Application of knowledge, skills, tools and techniques to project activities to meet project requirements.

[PMBOK]

Project management triangle



Definitions

• Project versus Operation

Project	Operation
Temporary	Ongoing
Unique	Repetitive
Closes after attaining the objectives	Objective is to sustain business
Prototyping the new car model	Assembly line production

Introduction

- Management & organization
 - Hierarchy
 - Communication



Soft skills

- Conflict management
- **–** ...

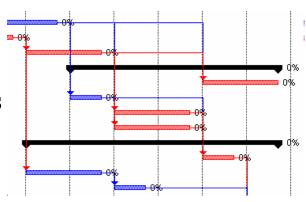


- Tools and techniques
 - Pert
 - Gantt



Hard skills

Risk management



Definitions

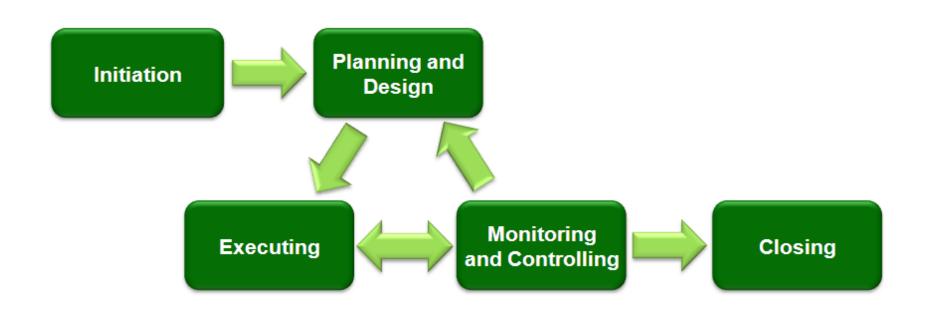
Project manager

Roles:

- Global responsibility of the project
- Achievement of the objectives of the project while mastering the deadlines and the costs
- Coordination of the actions of the members of the project team
- Animation of the project team
- Internal and external communication
- Reporting to the steering committee and to the inhouse hierarchy
- Respect for rules defined by the company regarding project management

Project life cycle - 5 process group (from PMP®)

- Initiating
- Planning
- Executing
- Monitoring and Controlling
- Closing



Initiating Objectives

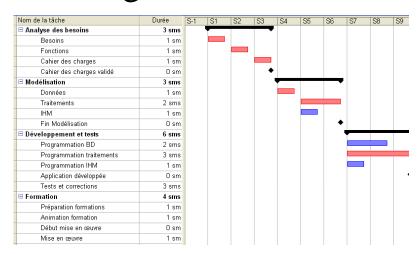
- To define goals and scope
- To estimate resources, costs and schedule
- To estimate risks
- To identify benefits
- To define project organization



Planning Objectives

Plan the Execution ...

- Tasks identification
- Global planning
- Detailed costs and schedule
- To hire (key) resources
- To define organization



Winners spend more than twice as many ressources on pre-development activities as did loosers » Bonak 1994

Executing Objectives

Execute the Planning ...

- Executing the work
- Monitoring cost, schedule, quality
- Controling when needed
- Managing changes
- Solving problems
- PDCA



Closing Objectives

Improve future projects ...

- To analyze results, compare with planning
- To evaluate project execution (KPI, EVM)
- To identify lessons learned
- To share lessons learned



Waterfall model

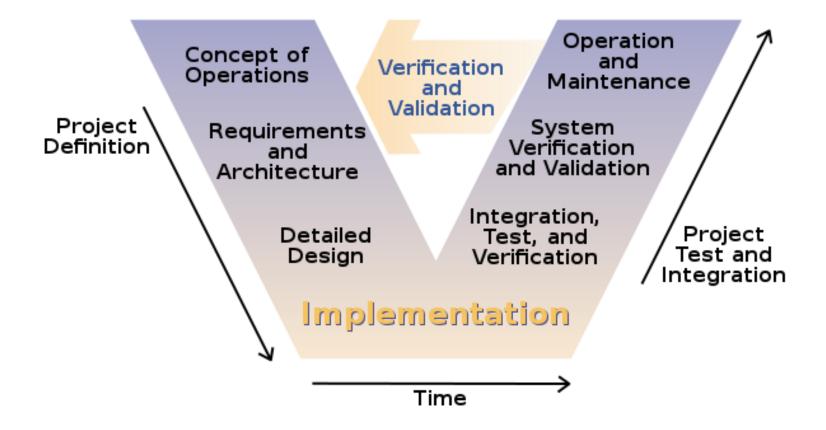
Principles



- sequencial design
- progress flow steadily through Initiation,Planning, Execution :
 - Requirement, analysis, design, coding/implementation, testing, production, maintenance
- precise deliverable for each phase
- gated-step approach
- Advantages, disadvantages?

• Example: V-MODEL

Waterfall model



• Example: V-MODEL

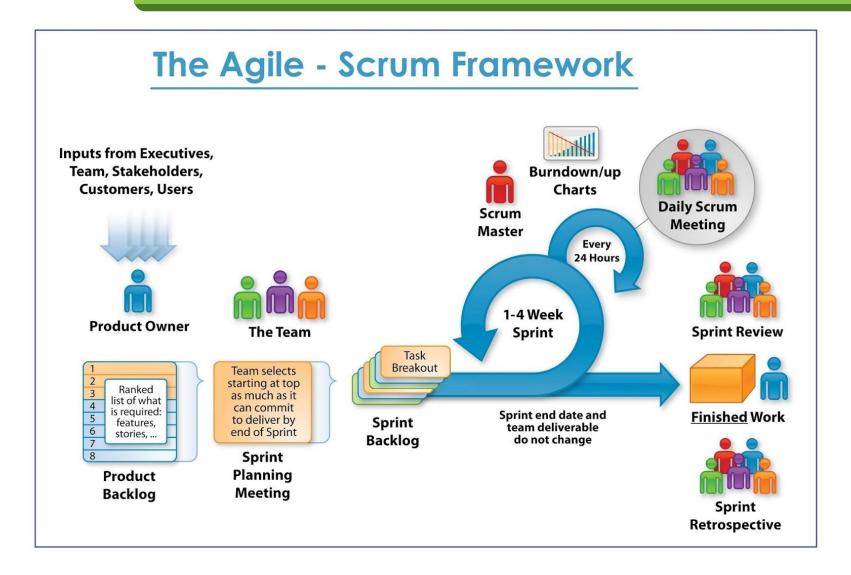
Iterative model

- Principles
 - repeated cycle (iteration)
 - learned from precedent iterations
 - adapt design, functionnalities

Advantages, disadvantages?

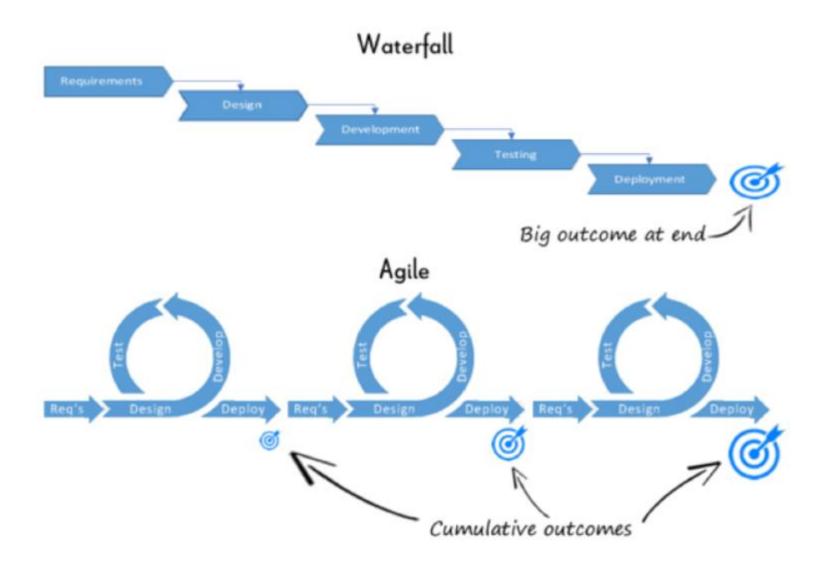
• Example: AGILE

Iterative model



• Example: AGILE

Waterfall vs Iterative model



Waterfall vs Agile model

Agile Model	Waterfall Model
Agile method proposes incremental and iterative approach to software design	Development of the software flows sequentially from start point to end point.
2.The agile process is broken into individual models that designers work on	The design process is not broken into an individual models
3.It is unstructured model compared to the waterfall model	Waterfall model are more secure because they are so plan oriented
4. The customer has early and frequent opportunities to look at the product and make decision and changes to the project	The customer can only see the product at the end of the project
5. Error can be fixed in the middle of the project.	Only at the end, the whole product is tested. If the requirement error is found or any changes have to be made, the project has to start from the beginning
6. Small projects can be implemented very quickly. For large projects, it is difficult to estimate the development time	All sorts of project can be estimated and completed.
7.Documentation attends less priority than software development	Documentation is a top priority and can even use for training staff and upgrade the software with another team
8.Development process is iterative, and the project is executed in short (2-4) weeks iterations. Planning is very less.	The development process is phased, and the phase is much bigger than iteration. Every phase ends with the detailed description of the next phase
9.Testers and developers work together	Testers work separately from developers
10.At the end of every sprint, user acceptance is performed	User acceptance is performed at the end of the project.
11.It requires close communication with developers and together analyse requirements and planning	Developer does not involve in requirement and planning process. Usually, time delays between tests and coding

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Project Initiation

Objectives

- To define goals and scope
- To estimate resources, costs and schedule
- To estimate risks
- To identify benefits
- To define project organization



Cost – Time – Quality



Security Margins

• We must take SECURITY MARGINS



Security Margins

To know HOW to MANAGE TIME

 \rightarrow The 6 laws to know



MURPHY Law: Every task takes more time that we've predicted.

PARETO Law: 80% of the results are producted by 20% of work done.

PARKINSON Law: The more we have time to execute a task, the more this task takes time.

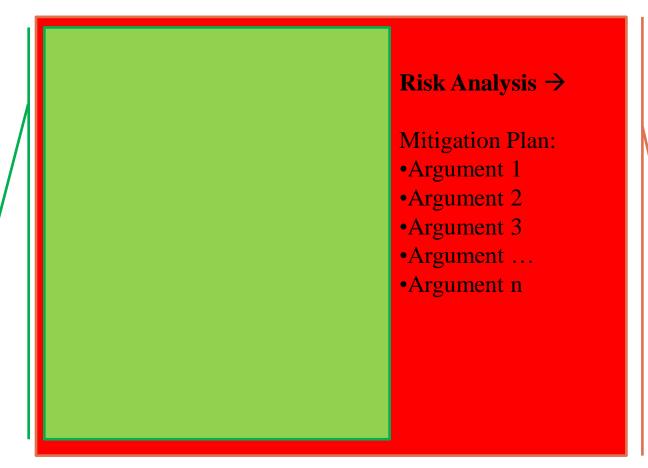
LABORIT Law: To priorise the most difficult tasks at the beginning of the day, to optimise our energy.

ILLICH Law: Past a certain time on a task, our efficiency decrease and become negative.

CARLSON Law: A task realised continuously takes less time that a task realised in many times.

Security Margins





Best case - Optimistic

Worst case - Pesimistic

Deliverables Deadline





Nom du projet	
Type de projet	interne externe pour activer la case, double cliquer sur la case puis choisir «valeur par défaut / case activée ».
Client(s)	énoncé complet des clients (et des exploitants si nécessaire) du proje
Idée	sint de l'idée à réaliser

Objective: To get your project accepted and funded

Proposition and acceptance:

- Context
- Objectives
- Macro-planning
- Costs and benefits (ROI)
- Risks
- Success criteria

- Context
 - Objective description
 - Facts that lead to the project (status report)
 - No subjective aspects
- Objectives

• Macro-planning

	mars	avril	mai	juin	juillet	août	septembre	octobre	novembre
Analyses préliminaires									
Prototype									
Développement et tests									
Mise en œuvre									

- Costs and benefits (ROI)
 - Costs
 - direct costs and overhead
 - human resources
 - material
 - Benefits
 - financial
 - non financial

- Risks → Risk management
 - Identify risks
 - Evaluate
 - probability and impacts
 - Prioritize
 - low high
 - Contingency planning (Plan risks responses)
 - avoid minimize accept

• Success criteria

What should be achieved in order to consider the project successful?

- Should helps stakeholders to construct a shared view
- Measurable
 - Not subjectives → KPI
- Questions that may help
 - What does success looks like?
 - How do we know that the project is completed?
 - How will the project manager know if he/she has done a good job?

Let's make the teams \rightarrow Who are YOU?



YOU are who you want to BE.

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Let's PLAY!

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