

Project Management – Managing Scope

Scope.. What is it?

- How would you define it?
- What does it mean to you?

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"The scope of a project is the set of affordable systems and software that the project team has to deliver."

Real Web Project Management, Ch 5 p. 83

Managing Scope

- Why is it different for web projects?
- How can we manage scope changes?

Classic Scope Control

- Requirements Driven
- Upfront Definitions

Management Example: DICE

- Define
- Implement
- Control
- End

Management Example: MoSCoW

- Must have
- Should have
- Could have
- Won't have

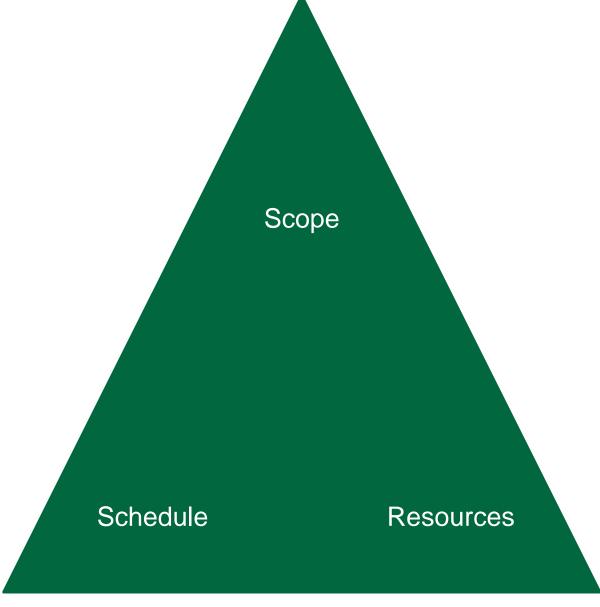
Dynamic Systems Development Method (DSDM)

Information Management

- First things first GET ORGANIZED
- PM's job is to manage project information
- Documentation and version control

Managing Scope Change

The Project Triangle



Managing Scope Change

- Project Documentation SIGN-OFFs
 - Menu Approach
 - "Surgeon Analogy"

- Playing Defense
 - Use change request forms
 - Formalize this process and discuss it at the beginning of the project with stakeholder

Problem with Classic Approach

- Natural reaction to scope "creep" is to try over define project
- Doesn't work well for Web Projects

Iterative Approaches

- Rapid Application Development
- Short, repetitive cycles
- Agile project management
- Best suited for
 - Smaller scalable projects
 - For complex projects where the scope and customers that are not 100% sure what they need until prototype are built.

Common Scope Headaches

- Poor Project Definition
- Poor documentation / specs
- Poor communication of scope to client
- Stakeholder is running wild

Lets review / discuss