


Chapter Two

Project Management Growth: Concepts and Definitions


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When to Use Project Management

- ❖ Are the jobs complex?
- ❖ Are there dynamic environmental considerations?
- ❖ Are the constraints tight?
- ❖ Are there several activities to be integrated?
- ❖ Are there several functional boundaries to be crossed?

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The Need For Restructuring

- ❖ Accomplish tasks that could not be effectively handled by the traditional structure
- ❖ Accomplish onetime activities with minimum disruption to routine business

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Restructuring Problems

- ❖ Project priorities and competition for talent may interrupt the stability of the organization and interfere with its long-range interests by upsetting the normal business of the functional organization.
- ❖ Long-range planning may suffer as the company gets more involved in meeting schedules and fulfilling the requirements of temporary projects.

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Restructuring Problems (Continued)

- ❖ Shifting people from the project to project may disrupt the training of new employees and specialists. This may hinder their growth and development within their fields of specialization.

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Imperatives

- ❖ The time span between project initiation and completion appears to be increasing.
- ❖ The capital committed to the project prior to the use of the end item appears to be increasing.
- ❖ As technology increases, the commitment of time and money appears to become inflexible.

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Imperatives *(Continued)*

- ❖ Technology requires more and more specialized manpower.
- ❖ The inevitable counterpart of specialization is organization.
- ❖ The above five “imperatives” identify the necessity for more effective planning, scheduling, and control.

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Obstacles

- ❖ Unstable economy
- ❖ Shortages
- ❖ Soaring costs
- ❖ Increased complexity
- ❖ Heightened competition
- ❖ Technological changes
- ❖ Societal Concerns

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Obstacles *(Continued)*

- ❖ Consumerism
- ❖ Ecology
- ❖ Quality of work

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Results of NOT Controlling Obstacles

- ❖ Decreased Profits
- ❖ Increased manpower needs
- ❖ Cost overruns, schedule delays, and penalty occurring earlier and earlier
- ❖ An inability to cope with new technology
- ❖ R&D results too late to benefit existing product lines
- ❖ Temptation to make hasty decisions that prove to be costly

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Results of NOT Controlling Obstacles
(Continued)

- ❖ Management insisting on earlier and greater return on investment
- ❖ Greater difficulty in establishing on-target objectives in real time
- ❖ Problems in relating cost to technical performance and scheduling during the execution of the project

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Project Management Growth

- ❖ Technology increasing at an astounding rate
- ❖ More money invested in R&D
- ❖ More information available
- ❖ Shortening of project life cycles

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Early Reasons For Failure

- ❖ There was no need for project management.
- ❖ Employees were not informed about how project management should work.
- ❖ Executives did not select the appropriate projects or project managers for the first few projects.

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Early Reasons for Failure (Continued)

- ❖ There was no attempt to explain the effect of the project management organizational structure on the wage and salary administration program.
- ❖ Employees were not convinced that executives were in total support of the change (to project management).

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Integrative Responsibility

- ❖ Total accountability assumed by a single person
- ❖ Project rather than functional dedication
- ❖ A requirement for coordination across functional interfaces
- ❖ Proper utilization of integral planning and control

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Advantages

- ❖ Easy adaptation to an ever-changing environment
- ❖ Ability to handle a multidisciplinary activity within a specified period of time
- ❖ Horizontal as well as vertical work flow
- ❖ Better orientation toward customer problems
- ❖ Easier identification of activity responsibilities
- ❖ A multidisciplinary decision-making process
- ❖ Innovation in organizational design

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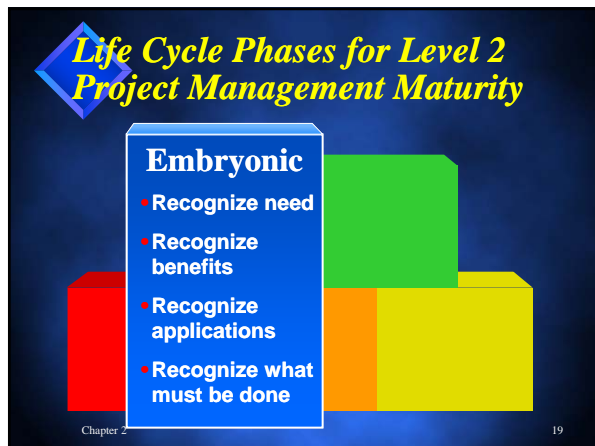
Project Management Evolution

- ❖ Biblical Project Management
- ❖ Military Project Management
- ❖ Space Exploration
- ❖ Heavy Construction
- ❖ Other

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Life Cycle Phases for Project Management Maturity

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Life Cycle Phases for Level 2 Project Management Maturity

Growth

- Development of a methodology
- Use of life cycle phases
- Commitment to planning
- Minimization of "creeping scope"
- Selection of a project tracking system

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Life Cycle Phases for Level 2 Project Management Maturity

Maturity

- Development of a management cost/schedule control system
- Integrating cost and schedule control
- Developing an educational program to enhance project management skills

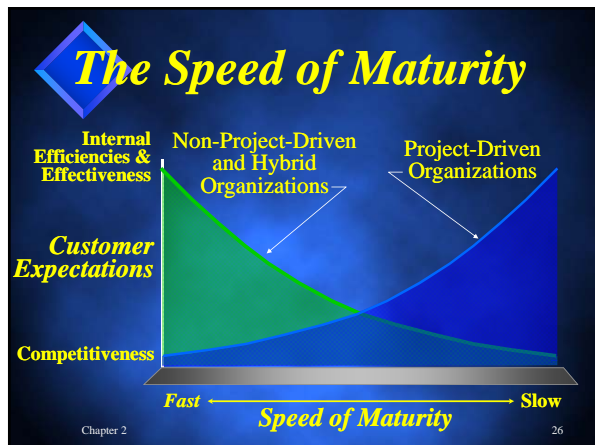
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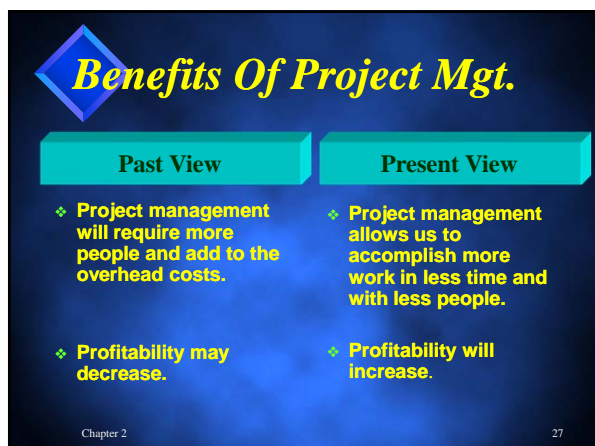
Driving Forces for Maturity

- ❖ Capital projects
- ❖ Customer expectations
- ❖ Competitiveness
- ❖ Executive understanding
- ❖ New product development
- ❖ Efficiency and effectiveness

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Benefits Of Project Mgt.

Past View	Present View
❖ Project management will increase the amount of scope changes.	❖ Project management will provide better control of scope changes.
❖ Project management creates organizational instability and increases conflicts.	❖ Project management makes the organization more efficient and effective.

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Benefits Of Project Mgt.

Past View	Present View
❖ Project management is really "eye wash" for the customer's benefit.	❖ Project management will allow us to work closer with our customers.
❖ Project management will create problems.	❖ Project management provides a means for problem solving.

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Benefits Of Project Mgt.

Past View	Present View
❖ Only large projects need project management.	❖ All projects will benefit from project management.
❖ Project management will increase quality problems.	❖ Project management increases quality.

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Benefits Of Project Mgt.

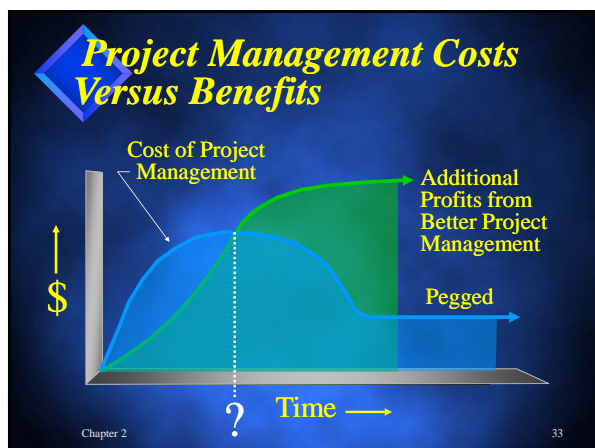
Past View	Present View
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Project management will create power and authority problems.❖ Project management focuses on suboptimization by looking at only the project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Project management will reduce the majority of the power struggles.❖ Project management allows people to make good company decisions.

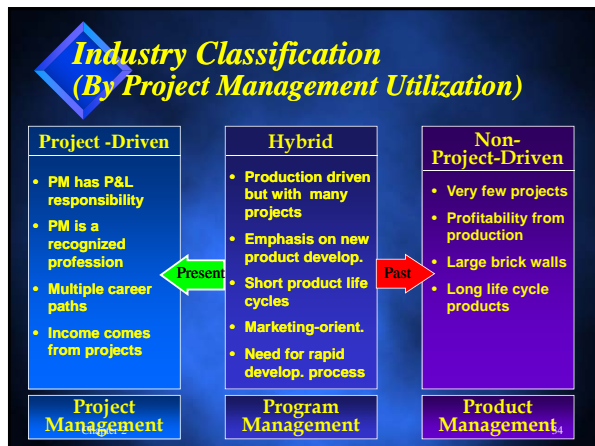
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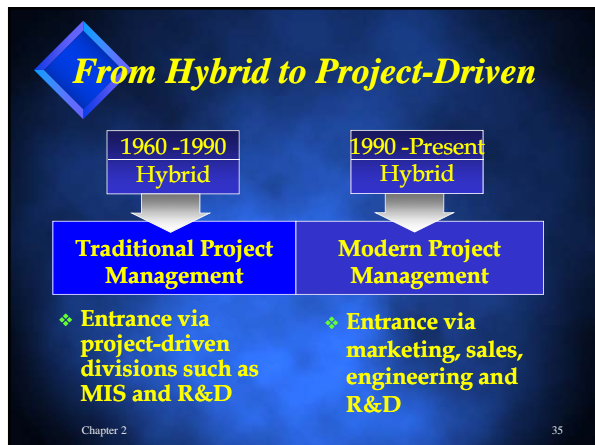
Benefits Of Project Mgt.

Past View	Present View
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Project management delivers products to a customer.❖ The cost of project management may make us noncompetitive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Project management delivers solutions to a customer.❖ Project management will increase our business.

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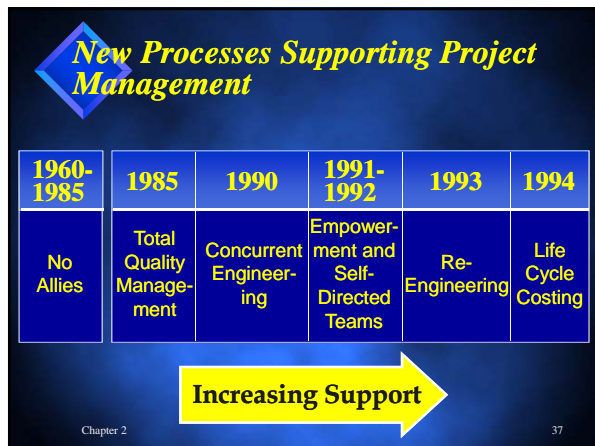


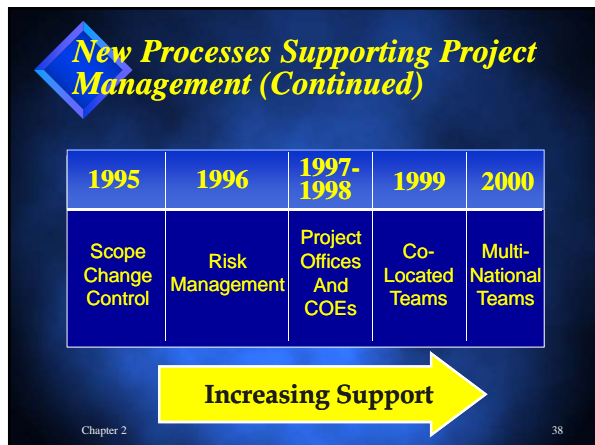


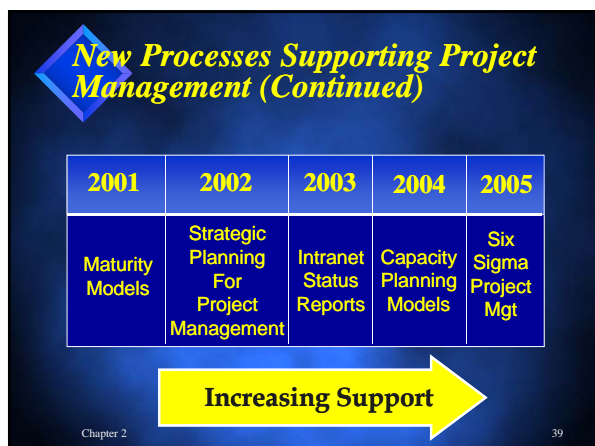
Recessionary Effects

Recession	Characteristics				Results of the Recessions
	Layoffs	R&D	Training	Solutions Sought	
1979-1983	Blue Collar	Eliminated	Eliminated	Short-Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to status quo No project management support No allies for project management
1989-1993	White Collar	Focused	Focused	Long-Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change way of doing business Risk management Examine lessons learned

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New Processes Supporting Project Management (Continued)

2006	2007	2008	2009
Virtual Project Teams	Lean Project Teams	Best Practice Libraries	Capacity Planning Models

Increasing Support

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Definitions: Systems

- ❖ Air Force
 - A composite of equipment, skills, and techniques capable of performing and/or supporting an operational role. A complete system includes related facilities, equipment, material services, and personnel required for its operation to the degree that it can be considered as a self-sufficient unit in its intended operational and/or support environment.

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Definitions: Systems (continued)

- ❖ NASA
 - One of the principal functioning entities comprising the project hardware within a project or program. The meaning may vary to suit a particular project or program area. Ordinarily, a "system" is the first major subdivision of project work (spacecraft systems, launch vehicle systems).

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Definitions: Programs

- ❖ **Air Force**
 - The integrated, time-phased tasks necessary to accomplish a particular purpose.
- ❖ **NASA**
 - A relative series of undertakings that continue over a period of time (normally years) and that are designed to accomplish a broad, scientific or technological goal in the NASA long-range plan (lunar and planetary exploration, manned spacecraft systems).

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Definitions: Projects

- ❖ **NASA/Air Force**
 - A project is within a program as an undertaking with a scheduled beginning and end, and which normally involves some primary purpose.

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KINDS OF PROJECTS

Once a group of tasks is selected and considered to be a project the next step is to define the kinds of projects encountered. There are four categories of projects:

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS
Short-duration projects normally assigned to a single individual who may be acting as a project manager and/or a functional manager.

STAFF PROJECTS
These projects that can be accomplished by one organizational unit, say a department. Staff (or a task force) is developed from each section involved. This works best when one functional unit is involved.

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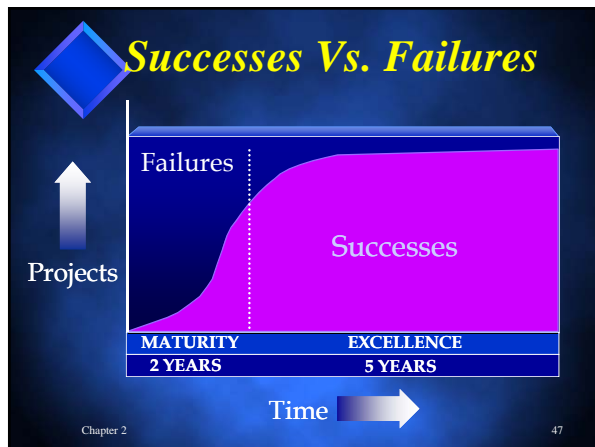
SPECIAL PROJECTS

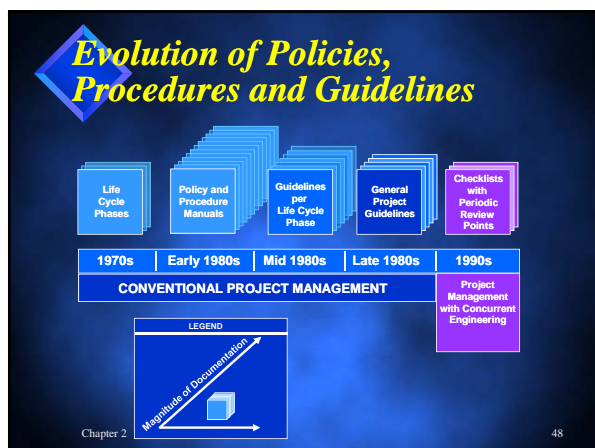
Very often special projects occur which require that certain primary functions and/or authority be assigned temporarily to other individuals or unit. These works best for short-duration projects. Long-term projects can lead to severe conflicts.

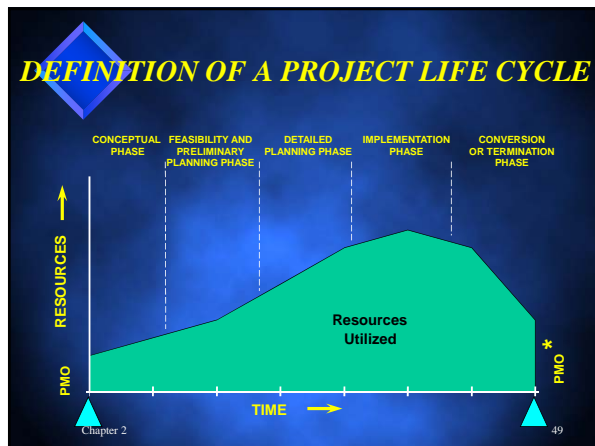
MATRIX OR AGGREGATE PROJECTS

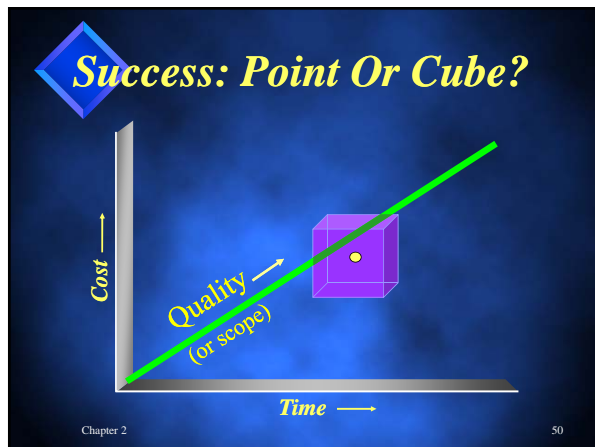
These projects require specific (or specialized) input from a large number of functional (or business) units and usually control vast resources.

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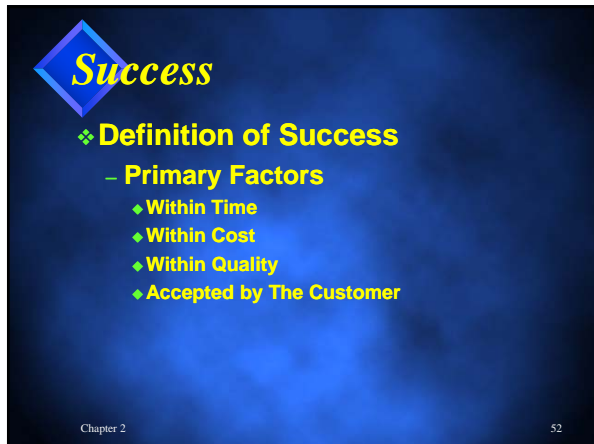












Success

❖ **Definition of Success**

- **Primary Factors**
 - ♦ Within Time
 - ♦ Within Cost
 - ♦ Within Quality
 - ♦ Accepted by The Customer

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Success

Secondary Factors:

- ♦ Customer Reference
- ♦ Follow-on Work
- ♦ Financial Success
- ♦ Technical Superiority
- ♦ Strategic Alignment
- ♦ Regulatory Agency Relations
- ♦ Health and Safety
- ♦ Environmental Protection
- ♦ Corporate Reputation
- ♦ Employee Alignment
- ♦ Ethical conduct

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Success

❖ **Critical Success Factors (CSFs)**
[Focuses on the Deliverables]

❖ **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**
[Focuses on the Execution Metrics of the Process]

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Key Performance Indicators

These are shared learning topics which allow us to maximize what we do right and correct what we do wrong.

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Components of Failure

None Actual Planned Achievable Perfection
A B C D E

Accomplishment →

← Perceived Failure →

← Actual Failure →

← Planning Failure →

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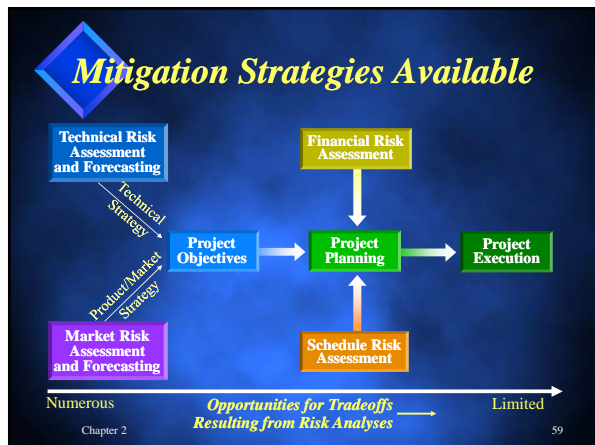
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The starting point in the development of any project management methodology is the implementation of a stage-gate process.

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Stages

- ❖ Groups of series or parallel activities (based upon the risks of the project)
- ❖ Managed by cross-functional teams
- ❖ To reach a predetermined deliverable established by management

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Gates

- ❖ Structured decision points at the end of each stage
- ❖ Number of gates must be limited

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Gatekeepers

- ❖ Individuals (i.e. sponsors) or groups of individuals assigned by senior management
- ❖ Empowered to enforce the structured process (including change management)
- ❖ Authorized to evaluate performance and make decisions
- ❖ And willing to provide the team necessary technical and business information

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Gatekeeper's decisions

- ❖ Proceed to next gate with the original objectives
- ❖ Proceed to the next gate with revised objectives
- ❖ Delay making a gate decision until further information is obtained
- ❖ Terminate the project

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Stage-Gate Failures

- ❖ Assigning gatekeepers and not empowering them to make decisions
- ❖ Assigning gatekeepers who are afraid to terminate a project
- ❖ Failure to provide the team with information critical to gate reviews
- ❖ Allowing the team to focus more on the gates than on the stages

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