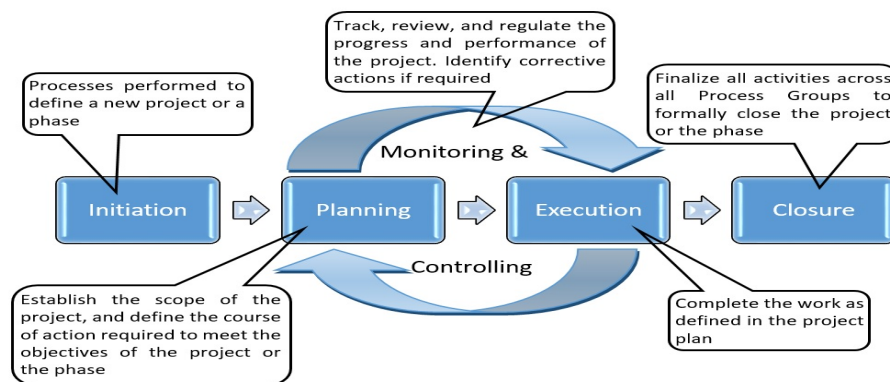


WHAT DOES A PROJECT MANAGER DO!!

Project managers are a special breed of people aren't just naturally born great but have trained and learned a lot from the repeated processes they have worked with.

Working in independent mode has helped me learn how to develop necessary skills such management, personal, technical and coping. You develop most of these skills through experience and education. They become better each time they deliver a project as they retain the techniques which they apply later on other projects. Often times they learn a lot through the hard way to help them be better managers in the future.

With my independent mode focus this semester I paid a great deal of attention on how as a project manager I should learn how to work well in the different phases of a project management and how to adapt and execute as needed as seen from the presentation below.



What makes one a great Project Manager?

Being a great project manager isn't easy at all, but it is possible, and it comes with experience and good education as you learn from your mistakes and implement techniques that have been a success. However great project managers possess the following traits besides understanding the which methodology works best when and where; excellent, communicator, honorable, enthusiastic, problem solver, well collected, delegator and competent.

Growth as a project Manager working in independent mode?¹

I definitely can say that there's not a set way of how to be a project manager because every project I worked on this semester showed me a different side of project management. Working with a team on one of my projects I came to understand that even with a tech firm you might yourself using different methodologies with different departments that might be working on a project your leading. So, with project management experience and education is the best teacher. Developing coping skills will help any manager learn how to adapt to any situation, working on your management skills will help you learn how to work around the different facets of any project and since I am a tech major I learned that you have to sharpen your technical skills and know what you're talking about and if you don't educate yourself so you can be good at it.

¹ PROJECT MANAGEMENT: BEST PRACTICES FOR IT PROFESSIONALS by Richard Murch.

