

The concept of control

A project runs late, is over budget, does not deliver to requirements

– Question: How did this happen?

Answer: Very gradually







MY PROJECT IS A
PATHETIC SERIES OF
POORLY PLANNED,
NEAR-RANDOM ACTS.
MY LIFE IS A TRAGEDY
OF EMOTIONAL
DESPERATION.







The concept of control

Based on easy and simple measures that reflect the objectives of the project

Basic requirements are

- Defining characteristics of importance
- Defining limits to their variation
- Measurement of those characteristics
- Making progress visible
- Feedback of performance to the team
- Instituting corrective action where required





Quality systems

Protect the organisation

- From legal liability
- Demonstration of every reasonable precaution

Prerequisite for obtaining business

• Examples: aerospace, pharmaceutical, public procurement

Projects/organisations have become more complex

The role of the quality specialist has emerged





Earned Value

Brings together time and cost performance into a monetary quantity

Process

- Set the budget
- Measure progress for each activity
- Compare actual with planned
- Calculate: for cost and time





Tasks and budget

Activity	Time	Budget
1	1 week	€5000
2	1 week	€8000
3	1 week	€7000
4	1 week	€12000
5	1 week	€14000
6	1 week	€10000
7	1 week	€13000
8	1 week	€11000
9	1 week	€16000
10	1 week	€4000
TOTAL	10 weeks	€100000





Earned Value

What is the progress at week 5?

What has been spent? <u>Actual spend</u> is €36 000

What has been completed? Activities 1 to 4

What should have been spent?

Activities 1 to 5 should be complete; therefore planned spend should be $5000 + 8000 + 7000 + 12000 + 14000 = \text{€}46\ 000$

What is the earned value?

Activities 1 to 4 are complete; therefore <u>earned value</u> is 5000 + 8000 + 7000 + 12000 = €32 000





Variances

What are the variances?

Cost variance

- = earned value less actual spend
- = 32000 36000 = -€4000

Schedule variance

- = earned value less planned spend
- = 32000 46000 = -€14000

What is the performance?

Cost performance indicator

- = earned value/actual spend
- = 32/36 = 0.889

Schedule performance indicator

- = earned value/planned spend
- = 32/46 = 0.696





Prediction

What is the effect on the project if nothing is changed?

Estimated cost at completion

- = Original budget/cost performance indicator
- = £100 000/0.889 = €112 500

Estimated time of completion

- = Original time estimate/schedule performance indicator
- = 10 weeks/0.696 = 14.4 weeks





Visual control

If you can see it you can monitor it?

The Gantt chart Traffic lights

