**Week 01 Overview**

**Understanding Project Management**

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Faced with the challenge of accomplishing some important goal (like the POS descriptions that you will develop in future weeks), many people would charge in, work hard, get tired, and then get frustrated when they do not get the result that they wanted. Often, the source of the problem is that they fail to appreciate that they are working on a project. They attack one task after another without any sense of what the essential tasks are or how best to approach each one. Let's avoid that mistake by focusing on what projects are and how to manage them.

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this lesson, you will:

* Be able to define, and differentiate between,  Portfolio, Program and Project Management
* Understand the roles needed for a successful project, and the skills each role requires for success
* Be able to define the partnerships between roles and outline appropriate communications paths
* Be able to explain the difference in the roles of project manager and line manager
* Learn the key competencies of project managers and the leadership skills required to be successful.

**Workflow**

1. Read Wysocki Chapter 1 and PMBOK section 1.3
2. Watch Presentation 1-1 "Understanding Project Management" (90 minutes)
3. Review reading:  The Project Life Cycle and Supporting Processes
4. Participate in the Discussion Forum: What Counts as a Project?
5. [Read LP Manning CasePreview the documentView in a new window](https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1092206/files/37873285/download)
6. Participate in the Discussion Forum:  LP Manning Case
7. Read Wysocki, Chapter 6, and PMBOK sections 1.7, 2.2 and 2.3
8. Watch Presentation 1-2 "Roles and Responsibilities" (35 minutes)
9. Review reading:  Project Management is process-oriented
10. Complete Assignment:  Project Life Cycles