



Project Management Success

PMBOK EXPLAINED!

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Session 1: Intro



Overview

- What is a Project?
- What is project management?
- Project Management Methodology.
- Projects, Programs and Portfolios.
- The role of the Project Manager.



What is a Project?

- A project is a body of work that has a start and an end point.
- Aims to create a product, service or result.
- The outcome may be a component of another item or an end item in itself.



What is project management?

- Involves skills, knowledge, tools and techniques and the application of these to a project.
- Coordination and management of a series of activities designed to achieve the outcomes and objectives of the project.



Project Management Methodology

- A project management methodology is a set of processes to follow in managing a project. Following a logical and structured process in all projects can optimize the likelihood of the project progressing in a favourable manner and delivering the items it set out to deliver.
- A project management methodology outlines an approach to implementing a project from start to finish.
- Covers the process and actions required throughout each phase of the project lifecycle.



Project Management Methodology

- PMBOK -The Project Management Body of Knowledge
 - A guide to managing projects.
 - The most recognizable project management approach in the world.
 - PMBOK identifies a series of project processes and knowledge areas relevant to project management.
 - Comes from the Project Management Institute (US).
- Prince2
 - Highly recognized and increasingly popular within organizations worldwide.
 - Provides a structured method for effective project management.
 - Uses a set of comprehensive concepts and project management processes that tailored suit the specific project and environment.
 - Comes from Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency (CCTA) in the UK. Designed as a standard for IT project management.



Project Management Methodology

- In-house
 - Many companies have developed, over time, in-house project management methodologies.
 - Often these in-house methodologies take their main focus from one of the known project methodologies .
 - Are tailored and delivered with a set of organizational templates.
- Ad-hoc (none!)
 - This methodology has probably been around the longest of all!
 - The ad-hoc methodology can be successful - or not - depending on the level of experience and skill of the project manager.
 - Where it is successful it is probably more often than not that the project manager is following some sort of process that they have developed overtime and may also find it's basis in one of the more recognized project management methods.



Projects, Programs, Portfolios

- **Project**
 - A temporary effort to create a product, service or result of some sort.
 - E.g. A new building, a website redesign, moving house, service the air conditioners of a 30 storey apartment block!
 - Project Management relates to managing a particular project
- **Program**
 - Group of related projects managed in a coordinated way
 - Project may or may not be part of a program
 - Program always has projects
 - E.g. Development of a software suite that includes various modules that are managed as separate projects within a program.
- **Portfolio**
 - Have a greater business scope and focus and are not necessarily related to meeting the same objective
 - May include projects that relate only by way of technology used or customer or business realm.
 - E.g. Delivery of a series of apartment blocks in 4 different locations for separate customers.



The role of the Project Manager

- Responsible for coordinating the activities of the project.
- Responsible for coordinating the people involved in the project.
- Responsible for delivering the products of the project.



This series – What it is

- This 12 part series will give you the whirlwind tour of PMBOK, providing a practical summary of PMBOK processes.
- Useful for beginners or experienced PMs.
- Simple, clear, down to earth explanation.



This series – What it isn't

- It isn't a comprehensive coverage of the entire PMBOK manual.
- It isn't preparation for your PMP exam – but we can tell you where to get help with that!



PMBOK Explained! – What's next?

Next session:

Project Life Cycle and Organization



Reference

- Reference for this presentation:

A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK Guide) – Fourth Edition. 2008 Project Management Institute, 14 Campus Blvd, Newtown Square, PA 19073-3299 USA