

Definitions of Project



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Origin of the word “Project”:

(Latin word: “pro” means forward; “jacere” means throw)

“late Middle English (in the sense ‘preliminary design, tabulated statement’): from Latin projectum ‘something prominent’, neuter past participle of proicere ‘throw forth’, from pro- ‘forth’ + jacere ‘to throw’. Early senses of the verb were ‘plan’ and ‘cause to move forward’.”

“A project is an individual or collaborative enterprise that is carefully planned to achieve a particular aim.”

Oxford Dictionary

“A project is a temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product, service, or result.”

Project Management Institute (PMI) -
A Guide To The Project Management Body Of
Knowledge (PMBOK Guide)
Fourth Edition

“A project is a temporary organization that is created for the purpose of delivering one or more business products according to an agreed Business Case.”

Office of Government Commerce (OGC) -
Managing Successful Projects with PRINCE
Fifth Edition

“A project is a time and cost constrained operation to realize a set of defined deliverables (the scope to fulfil the project's objectives) up to quality standards and requirements.”

International Project Management Association (IPMA) -
IPMA Competence Baseline (ICB)
Version 3.0

“Project is a unique, transient endeavour undertaken to achieve a desired outcome.”

Association for Project Management (APM) -
APM Body of Knowledge
Fifth Edition

“A project refers to a value creation undertaking based on a specific, which is completed in a given or agreed timeframe and under constraints, including resources and external circumstances.”

Project Management Association of Japan (PMAJ) -
A Guidebook of Project & Program Management for
Enterprise Innovations (P2M)
2005 Edition

“Project is a unique process consisting of a set of coordinated and controlled activities with start and finish dates, undertaken to achieve an objective conforming to specific requirements including constraints of time, cost and resources.”

ISO 10006:2003 -
Quality Management Systems - Guidelines for
Quality Management in Projects

“Project is a unique set of co-ordinated Activities, with defined starting and finishing points, undertaken by an individual or organization to meet specific objectives with defined schedule, cost and performance parameters.”

British Standards Institute:
BS 6079-1: Guide to Project Management

“A project is a temporary endeavour undertaken to create a unique product, service or result in order to achieve an outcome.”

Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM):
AIPM Professional Competency Standards for Project
Management
2008 Edition

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Software Engineering Institute (SEI):
Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI)

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Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI)

- “A project can be considered to be any series of activities and tasks that.
- Have a specific objective to be completed within certain specifications
 - Have defined start and end dates
 - Have funding limits (if applicable)
 - Consume human and nonhuman resources (ie., money, people, equipment)
 - Are multifunctional (ie., cut across several functional lines) ”

Harold Kerzner:

Project Management: A Systems Approach to Planning,
Scheduling and Control
Tenth Edition

“A project is a temporary organization to which resources are assigned to do work to deliver beneficial changes.”

J. Rodney Turner:
A Handbook of Project-Based Management – Leading
Strategic Change in Organizations
Third Edition

“Projects are the building blocks in the design and execution of strategies for an organization. Projects provide an organizational focus for conceptualizing, designing, and creating new or improved products, services, and organizational processes.”

David I. Cleland:
Field Guide to Project Management
Second Edition

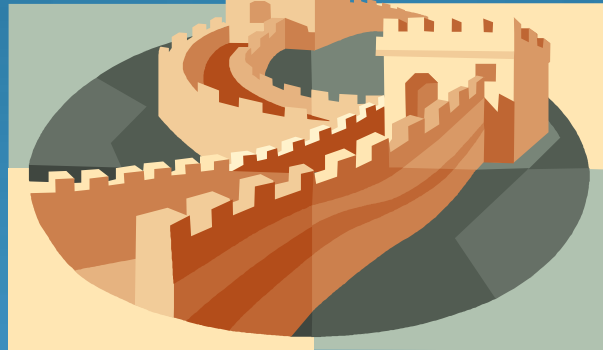
“A project is a problem scheduled for solution.”

“All improvement takes place Project-by-Project and in no other way.”

“All Projects follow the “Universal Sequence for Breakthrough.”

Joseph M. Juran (1904 – 2008)

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