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Portfolio management refers to the centralized management of one or more portfolios to achieve strategic objectives. Portfolio management focuses on ensuring that projects and programs are reviewed to prioritize resource allocation, and that the management of the portfolio is consistent with and aligned to organizational strategies.

### 1.4.3 Projects and Strategic Planning

Projects are often utilized as a means of directly or indirectly achieving objectives within an organization’s strategic plan. Projects are typically authorized as a result of one or more of the following strategic considerations:

- Market demand (e.g., a car company authorizing a project to build more fuel-efficient cars in response to gasoline shortages);
- Strategic opportunity/business need (e.g., a training company authorizing a project to create a new course to increase its revenues);
- Social need (e.g., a nongovernmental organization in a developing country authorizing a project to provide potable water systems, latrines, and sanitation education to communities suffering from high rates of infectious diseases);
- Environmental consideration (e.g., a public company authorizing a project to create a new service for electric car sharing to reduce pollution);
- Customer request (e.g., an electric utility authorizing a project to build a new substation to serve a new industrial park);
- Technological advance (e.g., an electronics firm authorizing a new project to develop a faster, cheaper, and smaller laptop based on advances in computer memory and electronics technology); and
- Legal requirement (e.g., a chemical manufacturer authorizing a project to establish guidelines for proper handling of a new toxic material).

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Organizations manage portfolios based on their strategic plan. One goal of portfolio management is to maximize the value of the portfolio through careful examination of its components—the constituent programs, projects, and other related work. Those components contributing the least to the portfolio’s strategic objectives may be excluded. In this way, an organization’s strategic plan becomes the primary factor guiding investments in projects. At the same time, projects provide feedback to programs and portfolios by means of status reports, lessons learned, and change requests that may help to identify impacts to other projects, programs, or portfolios. The needs of the projects, including the resource needs, are rolled up and communicated back to the portfolio level, which in turn sets the direction for organizational planning.
1.4.4 Project Management Office

A project management office (PMO) is a management structure that standardizes the project-related governance processes and facilitates the sharing of resources, methodologies, tools, and techniques. The responsibilities of a PMO can range from providing project management support functions to actually being responsible for the direct management of one or more projects.

There are several types of PMO structures in organizations, each varying in the degree of control and influence they have on projects within the organization, such as:

- **Supportive.** Supportive PMOs provide a consultative role to projects by supplying templates, best practices, training, access to information and lessons learned from other projects. This type of PMO serves as a project repository. The degree of control provided by the PMO is low.

- **Controlling.** Controlling PMOs provide support and require compliance through various means. Compliance may involve adopting project management frameworks or methodologies, using specific templates, forms and tools, or conformance to governance. The degree of control provided by the PMO is moderate.

- **Directive.** Directive PMOs take control of the projects by directly managing the projects. The degree of control provided by the PMO is high.

The PMO integrates data and information from corporate strategic projects and evaluates how higher level strategic objectives are being fulfilled. The PMO is the natural liaison between the organization’s portfolios, programs, projects, and the corporate measurement systems (e.g. balanced scorecard).

The projects supported or administered by the PMO may not be related, other than by being managed together. The specific form, function, and structure of a PMO are dependent upon the needs of the organization that it supports.

A PMO may have the authority to act as an integral stakeholder and a key decision maker throughout the life of each project, to make recommendations, or to terminate projects or take other actions, as required, to remain aligned with the business objectives. In addition, the PMO may be involved in the selection, management, and deployment of shared or dedicated project resources.

A primary function of a PMO is to support project managers in a variety of ways which may include, but are not limited to:

- Managing shared resources across all projects administered by the PMO;
- Identifying and developing project management methodology, best practices, and standards;
- Coaching, mentoring, training, and oversight;
- Monitoring compliance with project management standards, policies, procedures, and templates by means of project audits;
- Developing and managing project policies, procedures, templates, and other shared documentation (organizational process assets); and
3.9 Role of the Knowledge Areas

The 47 project management processes identified in the *PMBOK® Guide* are further grouped into ten separate Knowledge Areas. A Knowledge Area represents a complete set of concepts, terms, and activities that make up a professional field, project management field, or area of specialization. These ten Knowledge Areas are used on most projects most of the time. Project teams should utilize these ten Knowledge Areas and other Knowledge Areas, as appropriate, for their specific project. The Knowledge Areas are: Project Integration Management, Project Scope Management, Project Time Management, Project Cost Management, Project Quality Management, Project Human Resource Management, Project Communications Management, Project Risk Management, Project Procurement Management and Project Stakeholder Management. Each Knowledge Area within the *PMBOK® Guide* is contained in a separate section.

The *PMBOK® Guide* defines the important aspects of each Knowledge Area and how it integrates with the five Process Groups. As supporting elements, the Knowledge Areas provide a detailed description of the process inputs and outputs along with a descriptive explanation of tools and techniques most frequently used within the project management processes to produce each outcome. A data flow diagram is provided in each Knowledge Area (Sections 4 through 13). The data flow diagram is a summary level depiction of the process inputs and process outputs that flow down through all the processes within a specific Knowledge Area (see Figure 3-6 for data flow diagram legend). Although the processes are presented here as discrete elements with well-defined interfaces, in practice they are iterative and can overlap and interact in ways not detailed here.

Table 3-1 reflects the mapping of the 47 project management processes within the 5 Project Management Process Groups and the 10 Knowledge Areas.
The project management plan defines how the project is executed, monitored and controlled, and closed. The project management plan’s content varies depending upon the application area and complexity of the project. It is developed through a series of integrated processes extending through project closure. This process results in a project management plan that is progressively elaborated by updates, and controlled and approved through the Perform Integrated Change Control (Section 4.5) process. Projects that exist in the context of a program should develop a project management plan that is consistent with the program management plan. For example, if the program management plan indicates all changes exceeding a specified cost need to be reviewed by the change control board (CCB), then this process and cost threshold needs to be defined in the project management plan.

4.2.1 Develop Project Management Plan: Inputs

4.2.1.1 Project Charter

Described in Section 4.1.3.1. The size of the project charter varies depending on the complexity of the project and the information known at the time of its creation. At a minimum, the project charter should define the high-level boundaries of the project. The project team uses the project charter as the starting point for initial planning throughout the Initiating Process Group.

4.2.1.2 Outputs from Other Processes

Outputs from many of the other processes described in Sections 5 through 13 are integrated to create the project management plan. Any baselines and subsidiary plans that are an output from other planning processes are inputs to this process. In addition, changes to these documents may necessitate updates to the project management plan.

4.2.1.3 Enterprise Environmental Factors

Described in Section 2.1.5. The enterprise environmental factors that can influence the Develop Project Management Plan process include, but are not limited to:

- Governmental or industry standards;
- Project management body of knowledge for vertical market (e.g., construction) and/or focus area (e.g. environmental, safety, risk, or agile software development);
- Project management information system (e.g., an automated tool, such as a scheduling software tool, a configuration management system, an information collection and distribution system, or web interfaces to other online automated systems);
5.5 Validate Scope

Validate Scope is the process of formalizing acceptance of the completed project deliverables. The key benefit of this process is that it brings objectivity to the acceptance process and increases the chance of final product, service, or result acceptance by validating each deliverable. The inputs, tools and techniques, and outputs of this process are depicted in Figure 5-14. Figure 5-15 depicts the data flow diagram of the process.

**Figure 5-14. Validate Scope: Inputs, Tools & Techniques, and Outputs**

**Figure 5-15. Validate Scope Data Flow Diagram**
On any network path, the schedule flexibility is measured by the amount of time that a schedule activity can be delayed or extended from its early start date without delaying the project finish date or violating a schedule constraint, and is termed “total float.” A CPM critical path is normally characterized by zero total float on the critical path. As implemented with PDM sequencing, critical paths may have positive, zero, or negative total float depending on constraints applied. Any activity on the critical path is called a critical path activity. Positive total float is caused when the backward pass is calculated from a schedule constraint that is later than the early finish date that has been calculated during forward pass calculation. Negative total float is caused when a constraint on the late dates is violated by duration and logic. Schedule networks may have multiple near-critical paths. Many software packages allow the user to define the parameters used to determine the critical path(s). Adjustments to activity durations (if more resources or less scope can be arranged), logical relationships (if the relationships were discretionary to begin with), leads and lags, or other schedule constraints may be necessary to produce network paths with a zero or positive total float. Once the total float for a network path has been calculated, then the free float—the amount of time that a schedule activity can be delayed without delaying the early start date of any successor or violating a schedule constraint—can also be determined. For example the free float for Activity B, in Figure 6-18, is 5 days.

NOTE: This example uses the accepted convention of the project starting on day 1 for calculating calendar start and finish dates. There are other accepted conventions that may be used.

Figure 6-18. Example of Critical Path Method
The cost management processes and their associated tools and techniques are documented in the cost management plan. The cost management plan is a component of the project management plan.

**7.1.1 Plan Cost Management: Inputs**

**7.1.1.1 Project Management Plan**

Described in Section 4.2.3.1. The project management plan contains information used to develop the cost management plan, which contains, but is not limited to:

- **Scope baseline.** The scope baseline includes the project scope statement and WBS detail for cost estimation and management.
- **Schedule baseline.** The schedule baseline defines when the project costs will be incurred.
- **Other information.** Other cost-related scheduling, risk, and communications decisions from the project management plan.
8.1 Plan Quality Management

1. Inputs
   .1 Project management plan
   .2 Stakeholder register
   .3 Risk register
   .4 Requirements documentation
   .5 Enterprise environmental factors
   .6 Organizational process assets

2. Tools & Techniques
   .1 Cost-benefit analysis
   .2 Cost of quality
   .3 Seven basic quality tools
   .4 Benchmarking
   .5 Design of experiments
   .6 Statistical sampling
   .7 Additional quality planning tools
   .8 Meetings

3. Outputs
   .1 Quality management plan
   .2 Process improvement plan
   .3 Quality metrics
   .4 Quality checklists
   .5 Project documents updates

8.2 Perform Quality Assurance

1. Inputs
   .1 Quality management plan
   .2 Process improvement plan
   .3 Quality metrics
   .4 Quality control measurements
   .5 Project documents

2. Tools & Techniques
   .1 Quality management and control tools
   .2 Quality audits
   .3 Process analysis

3. Outputs
   .1 Change requests
   .2 Project management plan updates
   .3 Project documents updates
   .4 Organizational process assets updates

8.3 Control Quality

1. Inputs
   .1 Project management plan
   .2 Quality metrics
   .3 Quality checklists
   .4 Work performance data
   .5 Approved change requests
   .6 Deliverables
   .7 Project documents
   .8 Organizational process assets

2. Tools & Techniques
   .1 Seven basic quality tools
   .2 Statistical sampling
   .3 Inspection
   .4 Approved change requests review

3. Outputs
   .1 Quality control measurements
   .2 Validated changes
   .3 Verified deliverables
   .4 Work performance information
   .5 Change requests
   .6 Project management plan updates
   .7 Project documents updates
   .8 Organizational process assets updates

Figure 8-1. Project Quality Management Overview
• **Risk categories.** Provide a means for grouping potential causes of risk. Several approaches can be used, for example, a structure based on project objectives by category. A risk breakdown structure (RBS) helps the project team to look at many sources from which project risk may arise in a risk identification exercise. Different RBS structures will be appropriate for different types of projects. An organization can use a previously prepared custom categorization framework, which may take the form of a simple list of categories or may be structured into an RBS. The RBS is a hierarchical representation of risks according to their risk categories. An example is shown in Figure 11-4.

![Figure 11-4. Example of a Risk Breakdown Structure (RBS)](image)

• **Definitions of risk probability and impact.** The quality and credibility of the risk analysis requires that different levels of risk probability and impact be defined that are specific to the project context. General definitions of probability levels and impact levels are tailored to the individual project during the Plan Risk Management process for use in subsequent processes. Table 11-1 is an example of definitions of negative impacts that could be used in evaluating risk impacts related to four project objectives. (Similar tables may be established with a positive impact perspective). Table 11-1 illustrates both relative and numerical (in this case, nonlinear) approaches.
Figure 11-6. Identify Risks Data Flow Diagram
APPENDIX X2
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PMI volunteers first attempted to codify the Project Management Body of Knowledge in the Special Report on Ethics, Standards, and Accreditation, published in 1983. Since that time, other volunteers have come forward to update and improve that original document and contribute to this globally recognized standard for project management, PMI’s A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide). This appendix lists, alphabetically within groupings, those individuals who have contributed to the development and production of the PMBOK® Guide—Fifth Edition. No simple list or even multiple lists can adequately portray all the contributions of those who have volunteered to develop the PMBOK® Guide—Fifth Edition.

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**Trend Analysis.** An analytical technique that uses mathematical models to forecast future outcomes based on historical results. It is a method of determining the variance from a baseline of a budget, cost, schedule, or scope parameter by using prior progress reporting periods’ data and projecting how much that parameter’s variance from baseline might be at some future point in the project if no changes are made in executing the project.

**Trigger Condition.** An event or situation that indicates that a risk is about to occur.

**Unanimity.** Agreement by everyone in the group on a single course of action.

**Validate Scope.** The process of formalizing acceptance of the completed project deliverables.

**Validation.** The assurance that a product, service, or system meets the needs of the customer and other identified stakeholders. It often involves acceptance and suitability with external customers. Contrast with *verification*.

**Value Engineering.** An approach used to optimize project life cycle costs, save time, increase profits, improve quality, expand market share, solve problems, and/or use resources more effectively.

**Variance.** A quantifiable deviation, departure, or divergence away from a known baseline or expected value.

**Variance Analysis.** A technique for determining the cause and degree of difference between the baseline and actual performance.

**Variance at Completion (VAC).** A projection of the amount of budget deficit or surplus, expressed as the difference between the budget at completion and the estimate at completion.

**Variation.** An actual condition that is different from the expected condition that is contained in the baseline plan.

**Velocity.** A measure of a team’s productivity rate at which the deliverables are produced, validated, and accepted within a predefined interval. Velocity is a capacity planning approach frequently used to forecast future project work.

**Verification.** The evaluation of whether or not a product, service, or system complies with a regulation, requirement, specification, or imposed condition. It is often an internal process. Contrast with *validation*.

**Verified Deliverables.** Completed project deliverables that have been checked and confirmed for correctness through the Control Quality process.

**Voice of the Customer.** A planning technique used to provide products, services, and results that truly reflect customer requirements by translating those customer requirements into the appropriate technical requirements for each phase of project product development.