

Scope and time management

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Scope - What does it involve?

Scope management:

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- **Question:** how to ensure that the project contains all the activities required to complete the project successfully (and only the activities required for that)
- **Scope planning:** creation of a project scope management plan that details how the project scope will be defined, monitored and how the work breakdown structure will be created.

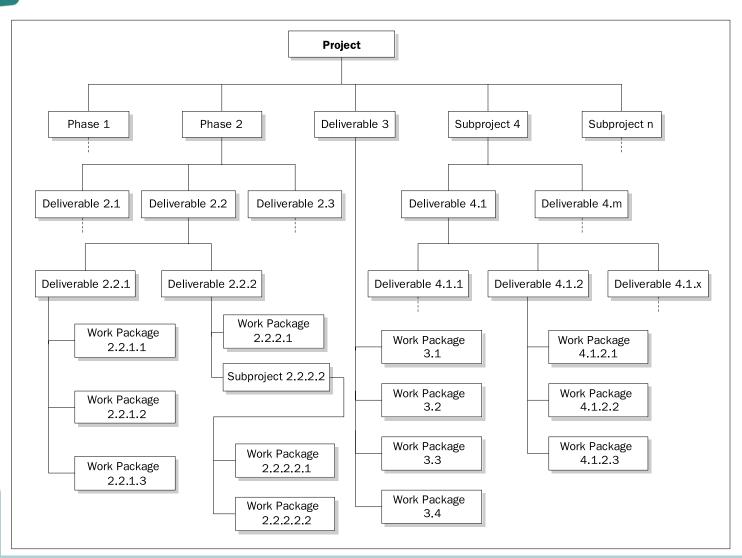
This results in:

- Scope definition: definition of the framework of the project that will represent a conceptual basis
- Work breakdown structure: identifying the deliverables necessary for the completion of the project and their subdivisions into manageable components
- Scope verification and control: how to assess delivery and decide on changes

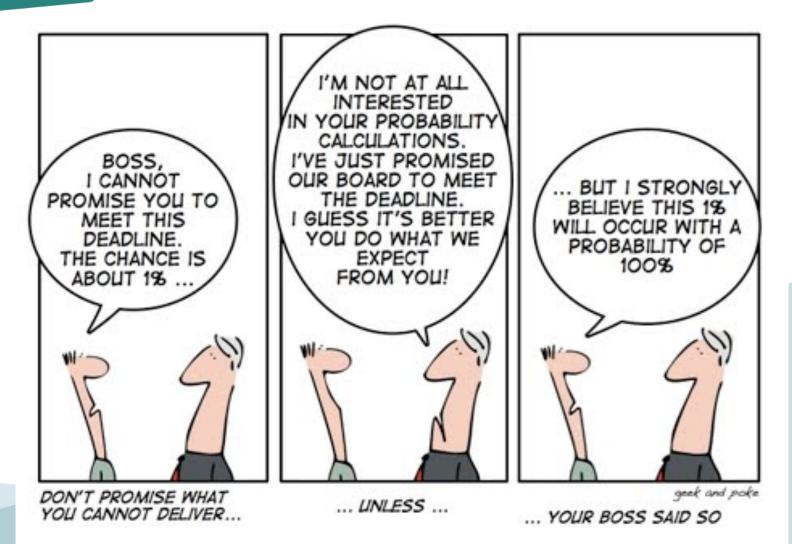
Work breakdown structure

- What is it?
 - Decomposition of the work to be executed by the project team to accomplish the project objectives
 - The work is defined in terms of deliverables organised in a hierarchical way
 - The objective is to identify manageable components (i.e. that can be scheduled, resource estimated and monitored)

Work breakdown structure



Time management



Time - What does it involve?

Time management:

 Question: what do I need to accomplish timely the completion of the project?

This requires:

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- Scheduling and sequencing, i.e. identifying the activities that need to be performed to produce the project deliverables and identifying their dependencies (through CPM for instance)
- Estimating the duration of the activities
- Controlling the schedule

Project schedule – an example

Activity Identifier	Activity Description	Calendar	Project Schedule Time Frame				
		units	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
1.1.MB	Provide New Product Z Deliverable - Begun	0	ss				
1.1.1	Work Package 1 - Develop Component 1	67					
1.1.1.D	Design Component 1	20		FS			
1.1.1.B	Build Component 1	33		►			
1.1.1.T	Test Component 1	14					
1.1.1.M1	Component 1 - Completed	0					
1.1.2	Work Package 2 - Develop Component 2	53				T	
1.1.2.D	Design Component 2	14					
1.1.2.B	Build Component 2	28					
1.1.2.T	Test Component 2	11					
1.1.2.M1	Component 2 - Completed	0					
1.1.3	Work Package 3 - Integrate Components	53					
1.1.3.G	Integrate Components 1 & 2	14			│└▶┕		
1.1.3.T	Test Integrated Product Z	32				•	
1.1.3.P	Deliver Product Z	7					
1.1.MF	Provide New Product Z Deliverable - Finished	0					
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Scope and time management in RI projects

- Who defines the objectives of an RI project?
- How does the scope and timeline of the project can be influenced by internal and external interests?
- Why and how can the scope of an RI project evolve?
- How to manage uncertainty?
- How do you control that your estimates are reasonable?
- Who controls and decides on changes in scope or time schedule?