

SYSTEMS ANALYSIS & DESIGN

MANAGING INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT

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Chapter Description

Expected Outcomes

- To explain the process of managing an information systems project.
- To know about project scheduling and process of creating Gantt Chart
- To know about the role of CASE tools to support SDLC

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Project Management

A project is the application of knowledge, skills, tools, and techniques to project activities thus meet the project requirements.

Characteristics of a project such as:

- i. Every project has specific objective
- ii. Project has start and end time
- iii. Project needs adequate resources example budget, manpower etc



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Software Project

Software project has complete procedure from elicit requirement to testing and maintenance. Along with the execution methodologies in a specified duration to achieve its goal.

Software is an intangible product therefore experience of one product may not be applied to the other one.



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Software Project Manager

Software project manager is a person who responsible on executing the software project. They need to manage the team, liaise with stakeholders/client, control budget, monitoring progress, manage risks etc.



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Project Manager Skill

As a project manager they must have skills to lead their project.

Skills they must possess:

- i. Communication
- ii. Leadership
- iii. Team Management
- iv. Risk Management



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Project Management Steps

Basic steps in project management are:

- Initiate
- Plan
- Implement
- Close project



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Project Initiation

The development team must set project goals and objectives. Other activities such as :

- Appoint a project manager
- Identify stakeholder potentials
- Select team members
- Identify deliverables and outcomes



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Project Plan

Second step is to plan the project, involving:

- Define project scope
- Define tasks/activities/tasks
- Identify sequences of tasks
- Identify resources
- Get the company approval



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Project Implement

This is the longest step in the whole project, activities to be carried out :

Get all resources

Team must be lead and maintain its communication

Evaluate change requests

Manage and solve risks or conflict

Control and monitoring project

Update management



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Project Close

Every project has its end, therefore after the project finish , project manager must :

- Conduct post-project review
- Prepare final report
- Close down operation
- Terminate the team



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Project Scheduling

After project manager define the project scope , he must develop a work break down structure (WBS).

WBS tool shall help him to identify activities, sequences among them , estimate their durations then create the schedule.

Furthermore , estimate the costs, plan the human resources allocation etc.



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Work Breakdown Structure

WBS is a tool to establish tasks involved in a project.
One of it is top-down approach - break high level tasks into smaller, detailed tasks



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Work Breakdown Structure

Example:

Subject Assignment Grading

1. Create grading plan
 - 1.1 Develop grading schema
 - 1.2 Develop checking figures and plagiarism
2. Prepare assignment projects for Subject Grading
 - 2.1 Download submitted assignments
 - 2.2 Extract and zipped all files
3. Do on all assignments
 - 3.1 Checking on plagiarism
 - 3.2 Apply grading schema and give marks



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Project Scheduling

Identify the relationships between activities involves the sequencing plus dependencies between activities.

Basically to create the project schedule, used :

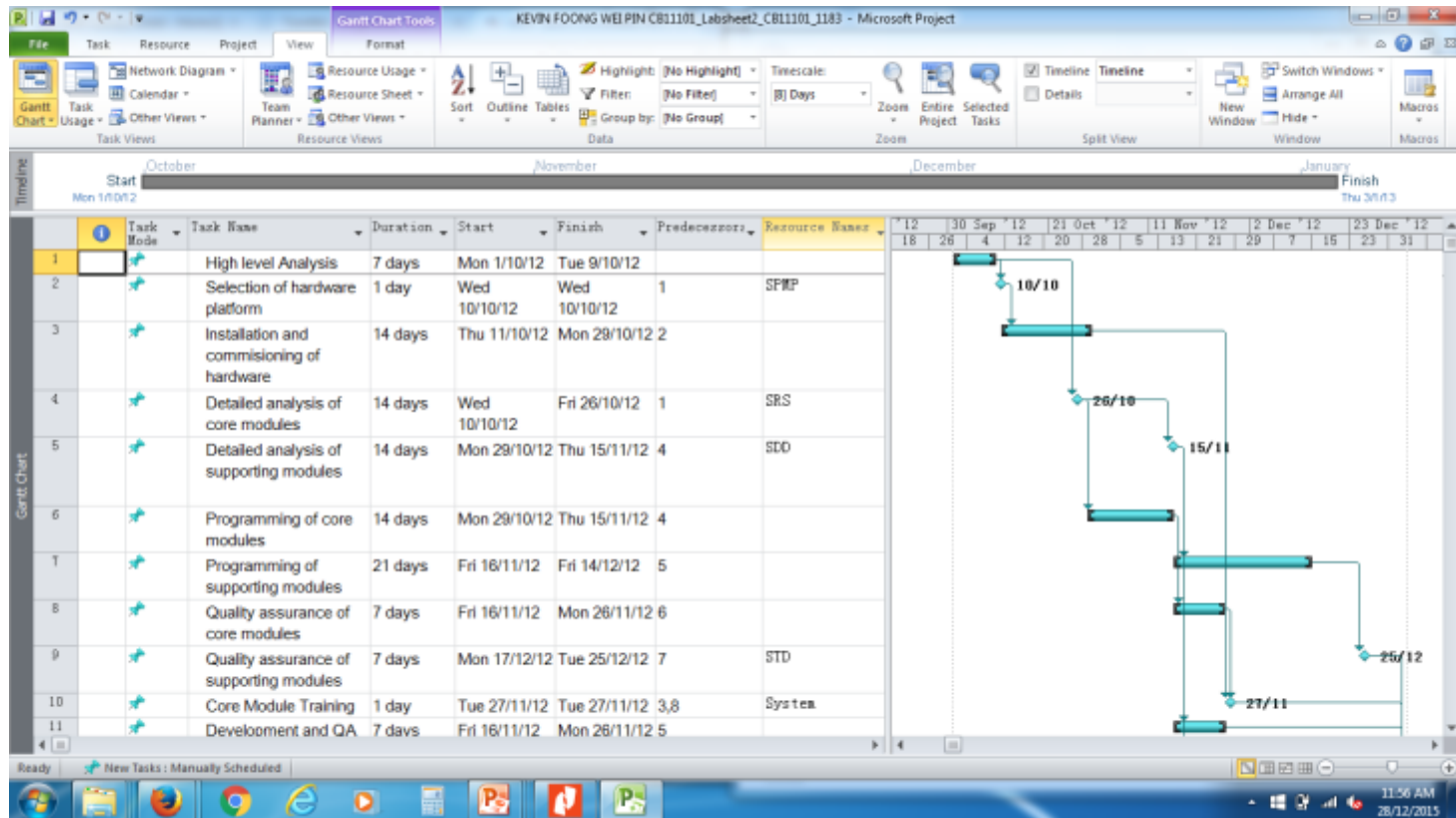
Bar/ Gantt Chart

Network Diagram



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Project Scheduling



Example of Gantt Chart using CASE tool (Microsoft Project)



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Risks Management

Risks management is concerned with finding risks and setting up plans to minimize their effect on project.

A risk is a probability that some adverse situation will occur

- Project risks on schedule or resources
- Product risks affect the quality of the development software
- Business risks affect the organization developing or procuring the software.



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CASE tools

Computer-Aided Software Engineering (CASE) tools support specific tasks in project management.

Tasks which CASE tools support such as:

- Project management plans, task assignments and develop scheduling
- Producing reports
- Business and analysis modelling

example : Microsoft Project, Rational ROSE



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