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Gantt Chart



Managing **Deciding & Selecting Planning & Project Management* Pros** and Cons **PDPC** Risk Importance-Urgency Mapping RACI Matrix Stakeholders Analysis Break-even Analysis **RAID Logs FMEA** Cost -Benefit Analysis **PEST** PERT/CPM **Activity Diagram** Force Field Analysis Fault Tree Analysis **SWOT** Voting Project Charter Roadmaps **Pugh Matrix Gantt Chart** Risk Assessment* Decision Tree **TPN Analysis PDCA Control Planning** Matrix Diagram Gap Analysis **OFD** Traffic Light Assessment Kaizen **Prioritization Matrix** Hoshin Kanri Kano Analysis How-How Diagram **KPIs** Lean Measures Paired Comparison Tree Diagram** Critical-to Tree Standard work **Identifying &** Capability Indices **OEE** Cause & Effect Matrix Pareto Analysis Simulation TPM**Implementing** RTY Descriptive Statistics **MSA** Confidence Intervals Understanding Mistake Proofing Solutions*** Cost of Quality Cause & Effect Probability Distributions ANOVA Pull Systems JIT **Ergonomics Design of Experiments** Reliability Analysis Graphical Analysis Hypothesis Testing Work Balancing Automation Regression Bottleneck Analysis Visual Management Scatter Plot Correlation **Understanding Run Charts** Multi-Vari Charts Flow Performance 5 Whys Chi-Square Test 5S **Control Charts** Value Analysis Relations Mapping* Benchmarking Fishbone Diagram **SMED** Wastes Analysis Sampling **TRIZ***** Process Redesign Brainstorming Focus groups Time Value Map **Interviews** Analogy SCAMPER*** IDEF0 Nominal Group Technique **SIPOC** Photography Mind Mapping* Value Stream Mapping **Check Sheets** Attribute Analysis Flow Process Chart Process Mapping Affinity Diagram **Measles Charts** Surveys Visioning **Flowcharting** Service Blueprints Lateral Thinking **Data** Critical Incident Technique Collection Creating Ideas** **Designing & Analyzing Processes Observations**

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- □ Large number of activities must be controlled when managing projects. Project should also be completed on schedule.
- □ Gantt charts illustrate project schedule visually.
- Use Gantt charts to keep your team and your sponsors informed of progress.
- □ Update the chart to show schedule changes and their implications.
- ☐ If the project is behind schedule, you can take actions to bring it back on schedule.



A Gantt Chart Outlines:

- All activities involved in a project.
- □ Their order.
- □ Their time estimates.
- □ They could also show other information such as completion percentage, status, dependency, by whom, etc.

| | | May | | | Jun | | | Jul | | |
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| | 1-10 | 11-20 | 21-30 | 1-10 | 11-20 | 21-30 | 1-10 | 11-20 | 21-30 | |
| Activity 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 7 | | | | | | | | | | |

Tips:

- Always write the project objective.
- □ You need to scope the project as small as possible.
- □ Determine the resources needed.
- ☐ List all activities on a Work Breakdown Structure first.
- □ You can draw Gantt charts by hand or use specialist software.



Further Information:

- Gantt charts could also show the dependency relationships between activities.
- One of the main limitations of the Gantt chart is that it does not display the resources requirements and workloads.
- □ It can become very difficult to draw for project with numerous tasks.
- □ Gantt charts have become a common technique for representing the phases and activities of a project work breakdown structure, so they can be understood by a wide audience.