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PREFACE

In an increasingly dynamic and complex world, the ability to manage projects effectively has become an essential skill across industries and professions. This book, *Guide to Project Management*, is designed to provide a comprehensive yet practical introduction to the fundamental concepts, principles, and practices of project management. It aims to bridge the gap between theory and application, offering readers a structured pathway to understand and implement project management strategies in real-world contexts.

The content of this guide is carefully organized to cover key areas such as project initiation, planning, execution, monitoring, and closing. In addition, it highlights essential topics including risk management, stakeholder engagement, communication strategies, and the use of modern tools and methodologies. Each section is presented in a clear and systematic manner to support both beginners who are new to the field and practitioners seeking to strengthen their existing knowledge and skills.

This book is intended for students, professionals, educators, and anyone interested in developing a strong foundation in project management. It is our hope that this guide not only enhances technical competence but also fosters critical thinking, leadership, and decision-making abilities necessary for successful project delivery.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

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A. DEFINITION OF MANAGEMENT

Management is the process of planning, organizing, directing, and controlling resources (human, financial, material, and information) to achieve goals effectively and efficiently. In the field of management, there are five interrelated functions: planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and monitoring. If any of these functions is missing, there is a high probability that management activities will not proceed according to plan or established goals. Planning is the first step a manager must take. With planning, managers are able to assess all actions, both those that have been implemented and those that have not. Without good planning, the goals of management activities will not be achieved.

Next, implement the organizing function. This aims to facilitate oversight by managers. In the placement function, managers are responsible for allocating existing resources according to needs. This way, goals can be achieved more efficiently and effectively. The directing function aims to ensure that the plans that have been prepared can be implemented properly. Therefore, direction is necessary to ensure that everything remains on track according to plan.

The final function is the monitoring function. Its purpose is to ensure that all management activities are carried out according to established plans. If something is not going well, an evaluation can be conducted.

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CHAPTER 2

NETWORK DIAGRAM ANALYSIS

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A. PROJECT NETWORK DEFINITION

A project network graph could be a visual representation of project errors and their conditions, pivotal in project administration for arranging and planning. It outlines the stream of work, grouping of assignments, and connections between them, supporting project directors in understanding venture complexity and optimizing asset allotment. By providing a clear diagram of the venture structure, project charts encourage successful communication, decision-making, and opportunity administration all through the venture lifecycle.

A project network graph in project administration may be a visual representation of extending errands and their connections, outlining the sequence of exercises, conditions, and basic way to help arrange and oversee venture execution successfully. By mapping out these relationships, project supervisors can distinguish the grouping in which assignments have to be completed and decide the basic pattern of the longest grouping of subordinate errands that decides the project's length.

Network diagrams help project managers:

- a. **Sequence Assignments:** They give a clear understanding of the arrangement in which errors should be executed, guaranteeing that work advances easily from one action to the following.
- b. **Identify Conditions:** By appearing the connections between assignments, project charts highlight dependencies. where the completion of one assignment depends on the beginning or completion of another. This makes a difference in overseeing assignment conditions viably.

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CHAPTER 3

CRITICAL PATH METHOD

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A. PROJECT SCHEDULING – CRITICAL PATH METHOD

Project scheduling is the cornerstone of effective project management, regardless of industry; construction, software development, manufacturing, or services, a project must be delivered on time and within agreed constraints. The inherent challenge in project delivery is coordinating multiple interdependent tasks while managing constraints on time, resources, and costs (Leach, 1999; Hui, et al., 2008). Scheduling offers a structured way of organizing tasks, defining their interdependencies, and allocating time in a logical sequence that allows the project to meet its objectives. A well-developed schedule transforms a project's conceptual plan into executable actions and serves as a reference baseline against which progress can be monitored and controlled.

Project managers often view a schedule as the heartbeat of a project; it governs activity sequencing, reveals task dependencies, and highlights potential bottlenecks that can delay delivery. Project schedule practices such as the Critical Path Method (CPM) transform scheduling from a manual planning tool into a quantifiable decision support mechanism. CPM is developed to help project planners identify the most time-critical activities affecting project duration (Aliyu, 2012; Antill, et al., 1991).

1. Project Schedule

A project schedule is a detailed plan that outlines how and when project activities will be performed. It presents a timetable of tasks with defined start and finish dates, relationships between tasks, allocated resources, and milestones that reflect key points of progress. While broader project planning defines what work must be done, scheduling determines

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CHAPTER 4

TECHNIQUE EVALUATION AND REVIEW PROGRAM

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A. INTRODUCTION

Project scheduling is a core function of industrial engineering, particularly in environments involving new technology, process development, and system integration. Many real-world projects suffer from uncertain task durations due to human factors, supply variability, learning effects, and technological novelty. Deterministic scheduling tools often underestimate such uncertainty, leading to unrealistic timelines and poor decision-making.

To address this challenge, the Program Evaluation and Review Technique (PERT) was developed as a probabilistic scheduling approach. PERT allows project managers and engineers to estimate expected completion times and evaluate schedule risk using statistical methods. For industrial engineering students, PERT provides a bridge between operations research, probability theory, and project management practice.

B. HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF PERT

PERT was developed in 1958 by the US Navy for the Polaris missile program, a large-scale aerospace project characterized by high uncertainty and technological complexity. At the time, little historical data was available, making deterministic scheduling unreliable. PERT introduced probabilistic reasoning into project planning, enabling managers to quantify uncertainty and evaluate schedule confidence (Kerzner, 2022) (Malcolm et al., 1959).

The success of PERT in defense and aerospace projects led to its adoption in engineering, construction, manufacturing, and R&D environments. Today, PERT concepts are embedded in many project

activity independence and distributions, it remains a valuable foundational tool in project management.

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CHAPTER 5

GERT METHOD (GRAPHICAL EVALUATION AND REVIEW TECHNIQUE)

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A. INTRODUCTION

In an increasingly complex and dynamic project management landscape, the limitations of traditional network methods such as the Critical Path Method (CPM) and the Program Evaluation and Review Technique (PERT) in addressing structural uncertainty are becoming increasingly apparent (Kerzner, 2017). Both of these conventional methods operate on a deterministic-structural paradigm, assuming that the sequence and progression of all project activities are known and certain to occur. The reality of modern projects, particularly in the domains of research and development (R&D), systems engineering, and technological innovation, is characterized by inherent uncertainty, where the path to project completion is not linear, but rather filled with iterations, decision-making, and feedback loops (Turner, 2014).

The Graphical Evaluation and Review Technique (GERT) method emerged as a response to these modeling challenges. As a probabilistic-structural network technique, GERT accommodates not only uncertainty in activity durations but, more importantly, in the logic of the project flow itself (Pritsker & Happ, 1966). Its ability to model loops, probabilistic branching, and conditional activities makes it a powerful tool for analyzing projects characterized by stochastic networks. This chapter will comprehensively examine the theoretical foundations, constituent elements, mathematical formulations, and practical applications of the GERT method.

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CHAPTER 6

DISCRETE ELEMENT METHOD

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A. DEFINITION AND CONCEPT OF DEM/DES

Discrete Event Modeling (DEM) or Event Model Discrete is a model that can describe the system with a group interconnected entities related to that only change the situation (and further condition system) at the point time discrete as consequence from behavior they yourself or behavior other entities. (Ullrich,O & Luckcrath,D). The system components being investigated depicted with entity. Entity must modeled-in a way explicit to represent behavior relevant systems with studies simulation. Individual attributes owned entity its value describe current situation and influence his behavior. A series of activity from modeled entity is behavior potential from something entity. A series activity is order action during period time certain things that can result in change condition acting entity as well as other entities in the model. Events is point time simulation in which changes condition the happened. Next, the activity always framed by events. The right relationship between events and activities certain must defined by the modeler based on objective studies simulation (Ullrich,O & Luckcrath,D).

1960s *Discrete Event Simulation* (DES) or Simulation Incident Discrete has developed in the field technique industry and research operations to help analyzing and improving industrial and business processes (Karnon, J, et.al). Discrete Event Simulation (DES) is a something method modeling with those who have ability to describe something complex behavior and interactions between individuals, populations and their environment. DES is used to model a system with a series incident discrete, where every incident influences the state of the system that occurs at a point time

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CHAPTER 7

PROJECT CRASHING IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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A. INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT CRASHING

1. Definition of Project Crashing

Project crashing is a schedule acceleration technique in project management that aims to reduce the total project duration by deliberately shortening the durations of selected activities, typically through the allocation of additional resources, overtime work, premium procurement, or alternative construction or production methods. The fundamental principle underlying project crashing is that time can be reduced at the expense of increased costs, provided that the project scope and technical requirements remain unchanged (Kerzner, 2022). In engineering projects, crashing is therefore treated as a time–cost trade-off problem, where the objective is not merely to finish earlier, but to do so at the minimum possible additional cost while maintaining acceptable quality and safety standards.

Project crashing is most applied during the **execution phase** of the project life cycle, when actual performance data becomes available and deviations from the plan can be measured. However, the feasibility and effectiveness of crashing are strongly influenced by decisions made earlier, particularly during the planning phase. A well-developed project schedule with realistic activity durations, clearly defined dependencies, and identified resource constraints provides the analytical foundation necessary for effective crashing (Meredith et al., 2020). During execution, crashing decisions are typically initiated through monitoring and controlling processes, where schedule performance indicators reveal delays or opportunities for acceleration. Because crashing involves changes to costs,

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CHAPTER 8

RESOURCE ALLOCATION

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A. INTRODUCTION

In some parts big projects, networks work built with CPM, PERT, GERT, or DEM only provide a “framework” of the sequence activities. The framework Not yet automatic can executed before We assigning real people, equipment, materials, and budget. The process of assigning elements real That to activities — with still comply dependencies, calendars, and limitations capacity — called allocation source power. This chapter to explain principles, models, and techniques allocation source power, to describe difference between alignment load (resource leveling/smoothing) and scheduling limited capacity (resource-constrained scheduling), as well as show the implications to time, cost, and risk project.

In practice, managers project face to face with two interrelated problems related. First, when total capacity is considered adequate, challenges main is leveling fluctuations usage to the top burden No cause overtime, decrease quality, or violation safety. Second, when capacity limited, purpose mainly shift become look for a decent schedule below limitations said, often with consequence extension duration project or cost additional. Second situation This demand approach different conceptual and analytical, which will reviewed in a way systematic in chapter This.

B. CONCEPT AND SCOPE

Allocation source Power covers overall cycle — start from inventory availability source power, determination needs per activity, mapping to calendar work, until formation schedules that comply with capacity limits and regulations precedence. Source Power in project can classified as *renewable* (e.g. working hours) technician per day or availability tools per

- Resource-Feasible Schedule is schedule that is not beyond capacity periodic; RCPS/MMRCPS is a formal model for scheduling limited source power (single/multi-mode);
- Serial/Parallel Schedule Generation is scheme construction timetable-based priority; while Resource Critical Path marks series activity determinant consequence constraint capacity, not solely logic dependency.

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CHAPTER 9

PROJECT SCHEDULING

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A. PROJECT SCHEDULING

Project scheduling is the process of planning, organizing, and allocating tasks, time, and resources (labor, materials, equipment) to complete a project efficiently and on time, which serves as a structured roadmap to guide implementation, monitor progress, and control the project from start to finish. In the project planning stage, an estimate of the project's duration is required. The accuracy of the project completion time estimate is determined based on the accuracy of the estimated duration of each activity in the project (Hamdan Dimyati and Kadar Nurjaman, 2016). Project activities are temporary activities that take place over a limited period, with the allocation of certain resources and are intended to carry out tasks whose targets have been clearly outlined (Soeharto, 1999). According to Soeharto (1999), the stages of the project cycle can be seen in Table 10.1 below.

Table 9.1. Project Cycle

Conceptual Stage	PP/ Definition Stage	Implementation Stage	Termination Stage
a. Formulation of ideas	a. Deepening various aspects of the problem	a. Detailed engineering design	a. Start- up
b. Reference framework	b. Engineering design and development	b. Creation and specification of criteria	b. Demobilization of closing report
c. Feasibility study	c. Creating master schedules and budgets, conducting follow-up investigations	c. Purchase of equipment and materials	c. Operation or utilization stage
d. Indication of project scope dimensions		d. Manufacturing and construction	
e. Cost and schedule indications		e. Quality infection	
		f. <i>Mechanical</i>	

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CHAPTER 10

PROJECT BUDGET ANALYSIS

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A. INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT BUDGET ANALYSIS

Project budget analysis is a core component of effective project management, providing a structured approach to planning, allocating, monitoring, and controlling financial resources throughout the project life cycle. While the terms project budget and project cost are often used interchangeably in practice, they represent distinct but closely related concepts. Project cost refers to the actual expenditure incurred in executing project activities, including labor, materials, equipment, subcontracting, and overheads. In contrast, the project budget represents the approved financial plan derived from cost estimates and authorized by stakeholders, serving as a baseline against which project performance is measured. The distinction is critical, as projects are not controlled against actual costs alone, but against how those costs compare with the planned and authorized budget at specific points in time (PMI, 2021; ISO, 2021; Kerzner, 2022).

The ability to establish and manage a realistic project budget is widely recognized as a key determinant of project success. Budget overruns frequently signal deeper issues such as inaccurate cost estimation, uncontrolled scope changes, ineffective resource utilization, or weak governance mechanisms. From a management perspective, the project budget functions not only as a financial constraint but also as a decision-making tool that supports prioritization, trade-off analysis, and accountability. In complex engineering and manufacturing projects, where capital investment levels are high and margins are often tight, effective budget analysis enables project managers to detect early warning signs,

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