

Project Management

Unit 8

Introduction



Project Management Intro

What is a project?

- An organisation will have:
 - tasks that are done to maintain "business as usual"
 - those things that are done to introduce change
- Changes that are managed as projects can be:
 - amendments to things that already exist
 - introduction of new things



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■ Projects have:

- A defined start and finish
- Specific objectives to be met
- Control, defined by setting parameters for:
 - time
 - cost
 - performance

■ Projects also

- are rarely done within a single part of an organisation
- involve uncertainty as are frequently doing "new" things



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■ Project Management is:

“Project management is the process by which projects are defined, planned, monitored, controlled and delivered such that agreed benefits are realised. Projects are unique, transient endeavours undertaken to achieve a desired outcome. Projects bring about change and project management is recognised as the most efficient way of managing such change.”



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■ So it's:

- **planning** what work needs to be done, by whom and to what standards
- **motivating** the team to achieve the planned work
- **co-ordinating** the work of a range of different people
- **monitoring** that the work is being done to plan
- **taking action** to keep the planned work on track, or to change the plan in a controlled way if that is the best way to achieve the change of objectives

