



Work Breakdown Structure in Practice

The Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) is the premier tool of the project manager. It enables thorough scope definition and planning and is the basis for a myriad of other planning functions. It enables goals to be broken down into achievable, well defined packages of work, and leads to sound execution, control and close out of the project. This workshop introduces theory and applies it with practical case study in exploring the purpose, development and applications of the Work Breakdown Structure.

Course Benefits

By taking this workshop you will be able to:

- Identify the components of a WBS and their purpose
- Develop a WBS
- Recognise and get past the issues associated with WBS development
- Appreciate the use and application of the WBS in other areas of project management (e.g. risk management, change control)

Who Will Benefit?

You lead or participate in project planning and execution activities.

Course Highlights

The WBS

- Definition and purpose of WBS
- Elements of a WBS
 - ◊ work package
 - ◊ control account
 - ◊ planning package
- Developing a WBS
- Practical representations

Practical Uses of the WBS

- Responsibility and accountability
- Requirements management
- Estimating
- Risk Management
- Change Control
- Other applications

Relevant Standards

The course is aligned with the following standards:

- A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge. Pennsylvania, USA: Project Management Institute (Fourth Edition). (2008).
- Practice Standard for Work Breakdown Structures. Pennsylvania, USA: Project Management Institute (Second Edition). (2006).

Duration

1 day

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