



What Is A Project?

According to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK™), a project is: “A temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique service or product.” By that definition, a project has a beginning and an end. That further distinguishes a project from daily operations, which are on-going and produce services or products that are generally uniform in nature. People who manage projects are usually called Project Managers.

What Does A Project Manager Do?

A Project Manager provides day-to-day leadership and support to the team performing the project. Project Managers are responsible to the sponsors and other stakeholders of the project for initiating, planning, controlling and executing the project in such a manner that the products (deliverables) are on time, within budget and meet the quality requirements. Finally, the Project Manager closes out the project, archiving the artifacts of the project along with lessons learned. If you think about it, every task can be looked upon as a project.

To aid your exploration of Project Management, Learning on Demand launched the new learning program that introduces the characteristics of a project, the responsibilities that accompany project management, and the differences between portfolios, programs, and projects. The course will identify key project management concepts and terms and provide information about the variables that can influence project outcomes. It will also cover project stakeholders and the organizational influences on a project. This program provides a foundational knowledge base reflecting the most up-to-date project management information so learners can effectively put principles to work in their own agencies. This course will assist in preparing the learner for the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) PMI® certification exam.

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