

Project Management

We do it every day 😊



Project Management from a House Wife perspective

Take order

Cook food

Deliver

Organisation

Define

- 3-course menue
- until 6 p.m.
- cost max. 10 € (Rahmenvorgaben ;Lastenheft/Projektauftrag bzw. requirement specification)

Conception

Analyse

- Brainstorming
- Deliverables u. Tasks (Netzplan bzw. Critical path analysis)

Measure

- Estimated costs 10 €

Specification

- work package
- Milestones

Realisation

- Put on cooker – start

Testing/Seminars

- Try it to be sure that the result will be tasty and meet the husbands expectations.

Improve

- spice up

Introduction

- Dinner is ready

Control

- Does the husband like it?
- What was the effect?
- Did it fit the expectation's?

Milestone

(Cf. O'Reilly, 2008; R3 Introduction Model SAP, DMAIC Six Sigma)

Introduction

- I read some books about project management and I recognised that the authors didn't write what they really thought. They copied from other books and each book were more or less the same for me and I had a problem to remember the process.
- The book „Making things happen“ from O'Reilly brought me to an idea.
- I combined one of his processes with the R3 Introduction Model of SAP and DMAIC of SIX Sigma and used a daily situation to explain the process.

Simple Example for PM

Take order - Definition



- It was Monday. My husband told me, that he'll come home at 6 p.m.. Since I loved him so much, I promised him to cook a three-course meal in the evening. We loved each other but our budget was limited by the construction financing instalment. I read a book about project management and I bet with him to create a great (Quality) three-course meal until 6 p.m. (Time) for not more than 10 EUR (cost) → objective

Take order – Conception, Specialisation (Deliverables, tasks, risks, resources..)

- A deliverable is the result of a process whereas a milestone is the measurement of the progress
- I called my best friend to listen to her ideas for a great meal (brainstorming). When we had it, I made up a list with all processes and tasks (e.g. 1. Shopping – 1 hour, 2. lay the table – 5 Min) which I had to do until 6 p.m. and brought them into a logical order.
- I feared of possible accidents until 6.p.m. (e.g. Car accident, burn food) → Risks
- I set myself a few milestones to handle the time pressure and control myself (Milestones) and I gusted the cost for the food (measure).
- I couldn`t delegate the task, therefore I needed a good structure (Resources and Responsibility)


Cook food

Realisation, Testing and Improvement

- Shopping was done. It was 4:30 p.m. And I started to cook with the food I bought (Realisation).
- I tasted the food a couple of times to be sure that the quality was excellent (Testing)
- Sometimes I had to spice up, since it was a little bit tasteless (Improve)
- By the way I was watching a television cookery show to learn something new (seminars)

Deliver

Introduction and Control

- It was 6 p.m. My husband came home. I surprised him with a perfect three-course meal for not more than 10 EUR (Deliverable)
- To control, that he really likes the result, I asked him for his opinion (Control). He loved it.
- That was the day we conceived our first child


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Thanks for your attention !

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