

Lab Assignment: Introduction to Project Management

Background

Please complete these lab assignments on your own, in class, on the day of the lecture. Assignments are self-graded. Exam questions will be similar to assignment questions.

Project Life Cycle for the Performing Arts

Consider a project whose output is something related to the performing arts, for example:

- Summer concert in the park.
- Motion picture at a theater.
- Play at a high school.
- Rock concert in a garage.

Choose a performing arts project and develop a suitable project life cycle. Follow the examples given in class, but adapt your work to the unique needs of the performing arts project itself.

Management and Organization

We talked about three different management and organizational styles. Which style would be best for the following situations?

- Company that provides development services to others where staff members work on two or three projects simultaneously.
- Distribution organization with operations in multiple warehouses over a large geographic region.

- Corporation with several independent business units, where the inputs, activities, and outputs of one unit has no impact on any other unit.

Explain your answer in about a paragraph for each of the above cases.

Extra credit: also explain why the other two organizational styles would be less than optimum for the case in question.