

How to Rescue Project Gone Wild

Do you need help with projects that continue to face challenges and issues? Are you tired of the “one size fits all” solutions and approaches to managing projects?

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Question #1

How should a PM deal with a key stakeholder who will not “buy-in” to a new system?

- A. Do we even know who the key stakeholder is?
We better find him soon.
- B. Identify must have's and get those done first
- C. No reading for these people; give them a Powerpoint chart with pictures and not more than 6 bullets
- D. Be in their corner...See the world thru their eyes.

Question #2

How do you deal with high level conflict between 2 senior executives in a major issue?

- A. Get them in a room and let them fight it out
- B. Find the common ground
- C. Don't be afraid of conflict. Embrace it and stand tall
- D. Do something. Even a little progress in the right direction will make things go smoother

Question #3

How should a PM deal with unrealistic resources (both time and budget) to plan, scope, develop or maintain a project?

- A. Build contingencies into your plan (and don't give them away in the first 30 days).
- B. Where is that critical path? Keep your team focused
- C. Keep the message simple stupid
- D. Where is the poster that reminds me of the end date and key milestones -- so I can remember?

Question #4

How should a PM deal with unrealistic / unreasonable requirements for project completion?

- A. Find the original charter /scope and send that to the people who signed it
- B. Pare down the requirements to “must haves”
- C. Implement Agile methodology
- D. Identify the cost of “doing everything;” that will make them come to the table to negotiate a better plan

Thank you!

