

Week 6: Planning and Scheduling

Assume you were appointed as project manager to lead a dozen of your classmates to write up an end-of-course summary guide that would be used to update all areas of the course (i.e., discussion questions, lectures, assignments, quizzes, and exams). You get to meet face to face periodically, but the majority of the work is done via conference call and e-mail. You plan to form subteams to work on each of these elements, each headed by a subteam leader. How would you set up your WBS? What are some of the considerations you made when you decided on this structure? Read a number of your classmates' ideas and look for similarities and differences. Ask questions about why a person set up his or her plan as he or she did. Would you change anything about your plan after networking with others?

Initial post

Hello Class,

The Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) is a tool used in the initial stage of project management. The WBS separates these processes into smaller tasks, making it easier to manage. Every stage of the WBS contain measurable objectives required to reach a successful project end. The stages are broken down into sub stages and ranked from most to least importance. The smaller sub stages will make tasks more manageable and keep the project on course. The top stage is the top objective for the whole project and the stages that follow break down the parts of the project. Then, tasks are assigned to individual team members for accountability. Hudoyo, Latief, & Sagita (2019) states that work standization will reduce cost while speeding up the planning project processes. The factors that influence the cost and time of the project is dependent upon the WBS standard. The relationship between WBS and influencing factors included clearer work items, better planning on volume of materials and budget, and better control when making purchase orders for time and cost performance in a study done by Herzanita (2019).