**Project (glossary)**

From SEBoK project

(1) *A temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product, service, or result.* (PMI 2013)

(2) *A development effort consisting of both technical and management activities for the purpose of engineering a system.* (extract from ANSI/EIA 2003)

(3) *Endeavour with defined start and finish criteria undertaken to create a product or service in accordance with specified resources and requirements.* (ISO/IEC/IEEE 2015)

**Source**


**Discussion**

These three definitions, taken together define the essence of a project: namely, a group of coordinated work activities that utilizes resources to achieve specified objectives within a prescribed time frame. Objectives include requirements for a product, service, or enterprise endeavor but objectives may be broader than technical requirements; for example, an objective may be to develop a new product or product line or to support a new type of service for new customers. In addition to providing technical leadership, systems engineers often manage the technical aspects of projects.

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