

Task 1. The difference between a project and a process

Task 1. Give five examples of processes and projects.

Note: avoid PLAGIARISM.

If I see the same work, the student's work is cancelled and pointed as '0'.

A project is a time-limited activity aimed at achieving unique results.

A process is defined by cycles. Similarly to a project, a process also has a beginning, middle, and end; however, this cycle repeats itself over an average period of time.

Let's see a Finance department example. This department receives dozens of purchases requests every week. The department doesn't have a time-boxed deadline to deliver every single purchase. The team has repetitive requests that must be executed over and over. This is a process!

To better manage this financial team, the best option is to create a pattern. They must understand what information the company needs and to keep track of what is going on.

Unlike the example project, delivering purchase requests won't build something unique for the company and it doesn't have a deadline, but developing a process for the team by gathering the necessary data will improve the company's results.

if we perform work that results in a non-standard product, and are also limited in time and resources, this is a project. A number of examples are best to illustrate the differences:

Process	Project
Production of postcards	Painting a picture
Breeding electrical wiring in apartments	Building a house
Project management	Introduce or change a process
Sales	Writing program code

Now let's take a look at the difference.

- The result of the process is predictable, from time to time we get the same product with the same properties. The result of the project is a unique, not previously produced product. By the way, sometimes a product or product characteristics in a project are completely unpredictable..
- The process has a duration, but, as a rule, it starts over immediately after it is completed. The project does not resume after it is completed, but it has a duration limit. And if the duration of the process is determined by the duration of its operations, i.e. implementation mechanism, then the project is limited in time purposefully by its leader - no later than such and such a date and point.
- We know exactly what and how much needs to be spent in order for the process to produce a product. Moreover, from time to time the costs will be constant. In a project, resources, like time, are limited by the manager or stakeholders. However, this does not mean at all that in fact the project budget will not be exceeded..
- The project always has a high degree of uncertainty, simply because it is produced for the first time and once. The progress and results of the process are known in advance.
- Everything seems to be clear.

So? So, but I want to confuse you a little with two statements:

- Project management is a process.
- Process development is a project.