

Microsoft Project 2003 Fundamentals

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Creating and maintaining project workplans and schedules are cumbersome and time consuming without the right tools. Microsoft Project has become the industry standard for automating this important project management activity because of its ease of use and integration with other Microsoft products. This course teaches the basic functions and features of Microsoft Project 2003 from creating and maintaining projects, resources and tasks and utilizing Work Breakdown Structures and Gantt Charts. Students will also learn how to manage their projects more effectively and resolve resource conflict through the use and creation of views and filters.

Prerequisites

- General understanding of project management principles

Learning Objectives

At the end of this class, participants will be able to:

- Open and close an existing project file and create and save a new project file
- Navigate different views and utilize 2003 Help features
- Create and modify a task list in the Gantt Chart view and create a Work Breakdown Structure
- Create task relationships through linking, adding predecessors, lead time and recurring tasks
- Explore Network Diagram view and modify the task relationships in it
- Use the Change Working Time dialog box to create a base calendar for the project
- Create resource pools from the Resource Sheet view and assign resources to tasks
- Create task calendars and use the Cost table in Gantt Chart view
- Work with Calendar and form views, and create and modify tables
- Use pre-defined and create customized filters and groups to sort task and resource data
- Display the critical path and identify and resolve resource conflicts in effort-driven schedules

Who Should Attend

- Project managers and team members that manage and work on projects
- Managers that manage project managers and monitor project status
- Clients, customers and all stakeholders that participate on projects

Course Outline

- Getting started
- Working with tasks
- Scheduling tasks
- Managing resources
- Working with views and tables
- Filtering, grouping, and sorting
- Finalizing the task plan

The class contains numerous exercises utilizing Microsoft Project 2003

Class Length

- One day (8 PDUs)