

A Project Sponsor's Warp-Speed Guide: Improving project performance

Appendix E – Phases of projects

This appendix describes the major phases of projects. The list of phases will help you quickly confirm that your detailed project plan is reasonably complete.

The typical phases for projects are:

1. Feasibility – Develop the project proposal and seek approval.
2. Planning – Plan the project.
3. Design – Gather requirements and design the product.
4. Build – Build the product.
5. Test – Test the product.
6. Deploy – Deploy the product for routine use.
7. Close – Close the project and conduct the post-project review.

Organizations can choose to define projects with more phases that are each more granular in scope. This book uses this list and aligns well with the list described in the PMBOK®.

For alternative ways of arranging phases in the project plan, please read the Tip at the end of section 18.9. Project approach.