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Microsoft Project 2003: Level 1

Course Specifications

Course number: 084725

Software: Microsoft Office Project Professional 2003

Course length: 1.0 day(s)

Course Description

Welcome to Microsoft Project 2003: Level 1. This course is the first in a series of two courses designed for individuals who will use Microsoft Office Project Professional 2003 as a tool to assist them in managing projects. The topics in this course cover the critical skills necessary to create and modify a project plan file that contains tasks, resources, and resource assignments.

Course Objective: You will create a project plan file containing tasks, organize these tasks in a work breakdown structure containing task relationships, create and assign resources, and finalize the project to implement the project plan.

Target Student: This course is designed for a person who has an understanding of project management concepts, who is responsible for creating and modifying project plans, and who needs a tool to manage those project plans.

Prerequisites: Students enrolling in this class should have the following:

- An understanding of project management concepts.
- Knowledge of a Windows operating system, either Windows 2000 : Introduction or Windows XP : Introduction.

The following would be helpful, but are not required: A basic knowledge of Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. The Element K Project Management Fundamentals: Part One course. The Element K Project Management Fundamentals: Part Two course. The Element K Harvard Manage Mentor: Project Management course.

Delivery Method: Instructor led, group-paced, classroom-delivery learning model with structured hands-on activities.

Hardware Requirements

To use Microsoft Office Project Professional 2003 on each student's machine, you need the following hardware:

- Pentium 233 MHz or higher processor.
- 128 megabytes (MB) of RAM or more.
- 130 megabytes (MB) of available hard-disk space or more.
- CD-ROM drive.
- Super VGA or higher resolution monitor.
- Microsoft Mouse, Microsoft IntelliMouse® or a compatible pointing device.
- Additional items or services are required to use certain features: 14.4 Kbps or faster modem, and a multimedia computer to access sound and other multimedia effects.

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Platform Requirements

- Microsoft Windows XP Professional, Windows XP Home, or Windows 2000 Professional with Service Pack 3 or later operating system.

Software Requirements

Software required on each student machine includes the following:

- Microsoft Windows XP Professional.
- Microsoft Office Project Professional 2003.
- Internet Explorer 6.0 with Service Pack 1 or later, if you wish to access the Microsoft Office Project help files on the Internet.

Performance-Based Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- create a project plan file and enter task information.
- create a work breakdown structure by organizing tasks and setting task relationships.
- assign project resources.
- finalize the project plan file.

Course Content

Lesson 1: Creating a Project Plan File

- Topic 1A: Create a Project Plan File
- Topic 1B: Create and Assign a Project Calendar
- Topic 1C: Add Tasks to the Project Plan File
- Topic 1D: Add a Project Summary Task
- Topic 1E: Add a Recurring Task
- Topic 1F: Enter Task Duration Estimates

Lesson 2: Creating a Work Breakdown Structure

- Topic 2A: Outline Tasks
- Topic 2B: Link Dependent Tasks
- Topic 2C: Identify Deliverables in the Project Plan File
- Topic 2D: Constrain Tasks
- Topic 2E: Set a Task Deadline

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Lesson 3: Creating and Assigning Resources

Topic 3A: Create Resources

Topic 3B: Create a Resource Calendar

Topic 3C: Assign Resources

Topic 3D: Assign Additional Resources to a Task

Topic 3E: Resolve Resource Conflicts

Lesson 4: Finalizing the Project Plan

Topic 4A: View the Critical Path

Topic 4B: Shorten the Project Duration

Topic 4C: Set a Baseline

Topic 4D: Display Project Summary Information

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