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# Oversight and Project Management

- ✓ What is Oversight and Project Management?
- ✓ Why is Oversight and Project Management needed?
- ✓ What does Oversight and Project Management bring to the table?
- ✓ What are the different roles of Oversight and Project Management?

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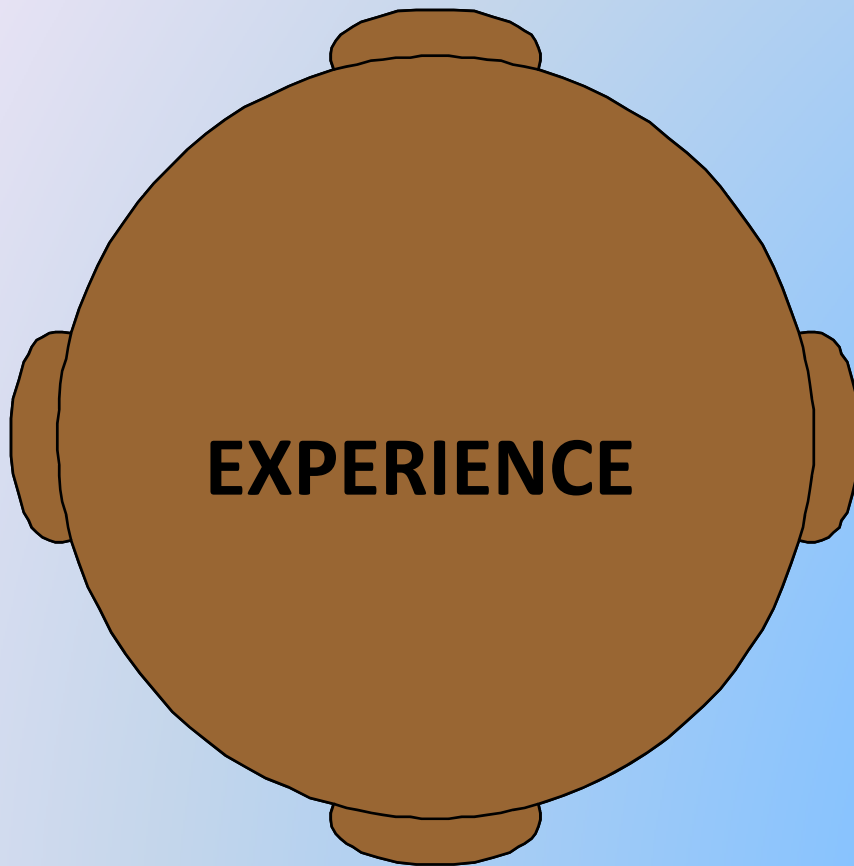
- Oversight is the assessment review and analysis of a project, applying knowledge and expertise to gauge performance and assess risk.
- Project Management breaks down the work into manageable elements - scope, time, cost, quality, human resources, communication, risk, procurement, and integration.



# Research gathered by gantthead.com listed the top reasons projects fail as follows:

- Inexperienced and/or inadequately trained project managers
- Failure to set and manage expectations
- Poor leadership at any and all levels
- Failure to adequately identify, document and track requirements
- Poor project plans and planning process
- Poor effort estimation
- Inadequate or misused methods
- Inadequate communication, including progress tracking and reporting
- Misalignment between the project team and the business or other organizations it serves

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Experience is defined as...

direct observation of or  
participation in events as a basis  
of knowledge

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- Provides experienced Project Management Professionals (PMPs)
- Provides a repository to develop comprehensive communication, risk, and project plans
- Identifies, documents and provides traceability of requirements to the final product
- Utilizes metrics and proven estimation methods and techniques

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- Reduces your risk - way to mitigate risks of project failures, schedule delays, and budget over-runs
- Ensures that you get what you are paying for
- Ensures that you get an unbiased assessment normally performed by an organization that is independent of the agency and the solutions vendor
- Ensures that processes are followed
- Impartial third party assessment

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Some of the different roles:

- Full Project Manager
- Support in-house Project Manager
- Oversight for deliverables
- Oversight/Project Manager for parts of a bigger project



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- Questions?