



INF 151: Project Management

Week 0: Thursday

Today's Agenda

Introduction to the course

Introduction to your instructors

Importance of project management

Course overview

Next steps

Course Introduction



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Why project management?

Projects are everywhere:

- College
- Home
- Work
- Leisure

Organization and maintenance skills are invaluable in all aspects of life



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What is management?

How to build a well functioning team

Recognizing and resolving dysfunction
within a team

Giving and receiving feedback

How to motivate team members

But I don't like people!



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The value of project management skills

Learning project management skills:

- Understand what is involved in managing
- Empathize with your manager
- Be a better teammate
- Shared language (respect by peers)
- Leads to higher pay



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The value of project management skills

Well-managed projects have a greater chance of success

Even the smallest projects can become complex...

...You need the **tools** to sort through the complexity

Staff Introduction



About Me

Mark S Baldwin (just call me Mark)

Full time lecturer, Informatics Department

My first time teaching INF 151 (don't worry i've managed many projects)!

PhD, Informatics, UCI (2020)

MHCI, Carnegie Mellon University (2013)

Background/Interests:

- CS/Software Engineering
- HCI/Tangible Computing
- Assistive Technology/Accessibility
- Teaching!



About the TA's

Farhan Saeed

Sai Gopal Athili

Contact your TA's through Zulip.

If you need to communicate via Email, you can find their UCI email addresses in their Zulip profile.

All grading inquiries should go through your TA's first!

Course Overview



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Class Schedule

- Meet here every Tuesday and Thursday
- Async communication through Zulip (sign up asap if you haven't yet)
- Attendance through Socrative
- Recording...but not the same experience
- Class discussion and activities



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Class Structure

- You will be in a project group
- You will choose a project with your group
- You will make use of project management tools while working on your project
- You will learn how to exercise people management



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Attendance and Participation

- Please attend. Please?
- If you must miss a class, let me know via Zulip, OK?
- Participation comes in many forms:
 - Conversations with me or the TAs
 - Class discussion
 - Zulip discussion
 - Team participation
 - Sharing your work with the class



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Readings

- There is a text book for this course!
- There will be additional readings (provided for you)
- There will be a quiz in nearly every class related to the readings



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Zulip

- Why Zulip? or OMG I don't like CANVAS. Shhhh.
 - It's free
 - Open source
 - We OWN the data we produce
 - It has some nice features for organizing discussions
 - Best way to collect live responses



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The Project

Imagine you are a startup!

Find a project that can be completed in less than 10 weeks

Some ideas:

- Simple website (perhaps a club)
- Small app (game or sensors)
- Update an existing website
 - User testing
 - Add analytics
 - Suggest redesign



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Google Drive

We will be using Google Drive and Apps for this course

All of your work should be conducted in your team's drive folder

Let's test it out...



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Grading

- In-class quizzes (more on this in a minute)
- Assignments (all group)
- Participation and attendance
- Midterm and final (not hard if you are an active member of the class)
- Final project presentation (format TBD)
- Final project report

Socrative Quiz

<https://api.socrative.com/rc/rmnQxM>


“Enter your name” = *****@uci.edu



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA)

This course will adhere to the principles of DEIA.

- Respect for all aspects of human difference, including (but not limited to) race, ethnicity, gender, identity, culture, religion, age, and ability
- We will ensure that our discussions, materials, and practices are equitable so that all students can thrive
- We will ensure that all students feel respected, are able to participate, and can achieve to their potential



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- Do not share offensive or othering materials for **entertainment**
 - Though, some materials may be useful to make or support broader discussions on DEI issues. If this is the case, edit as appropriate.
- Be kind and respectful to one another in class, group work, and Zulip
- Make sure that all of your shared materials are **accessible**
 - We'll discuss this in greater detail early in the course

Project Management

The possibilities...







Next Class



Tuesday 9/27

Overview of project management and people management

- Read Chapter 1 in Schwalbe
 - First Quiz (hint: 9 knowledge areas)
- **Complete the survey (on Canvas) by end of day tomorrow (9/23)**
- Group assignments will be announced on Monday (9/26)
- Be prepared to meet with your team next class!