

Project Management

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The Trip

Assignment 2

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Introduction

In the first assignment I differed a bit from the main task, which was to make a 6-month project plan with a budget of 50.000 British pounds.

The idea was for a half-year expedition to 17 countries to get acquainted with the culture of different parts of the world. In order to carry out the project where to make it as realistic as possible and to satisfy all possible criteria and eliminate all negative aspects, I described with project management tools pre-project with the necessary research and things that are mandatory before the real plan comes into force.

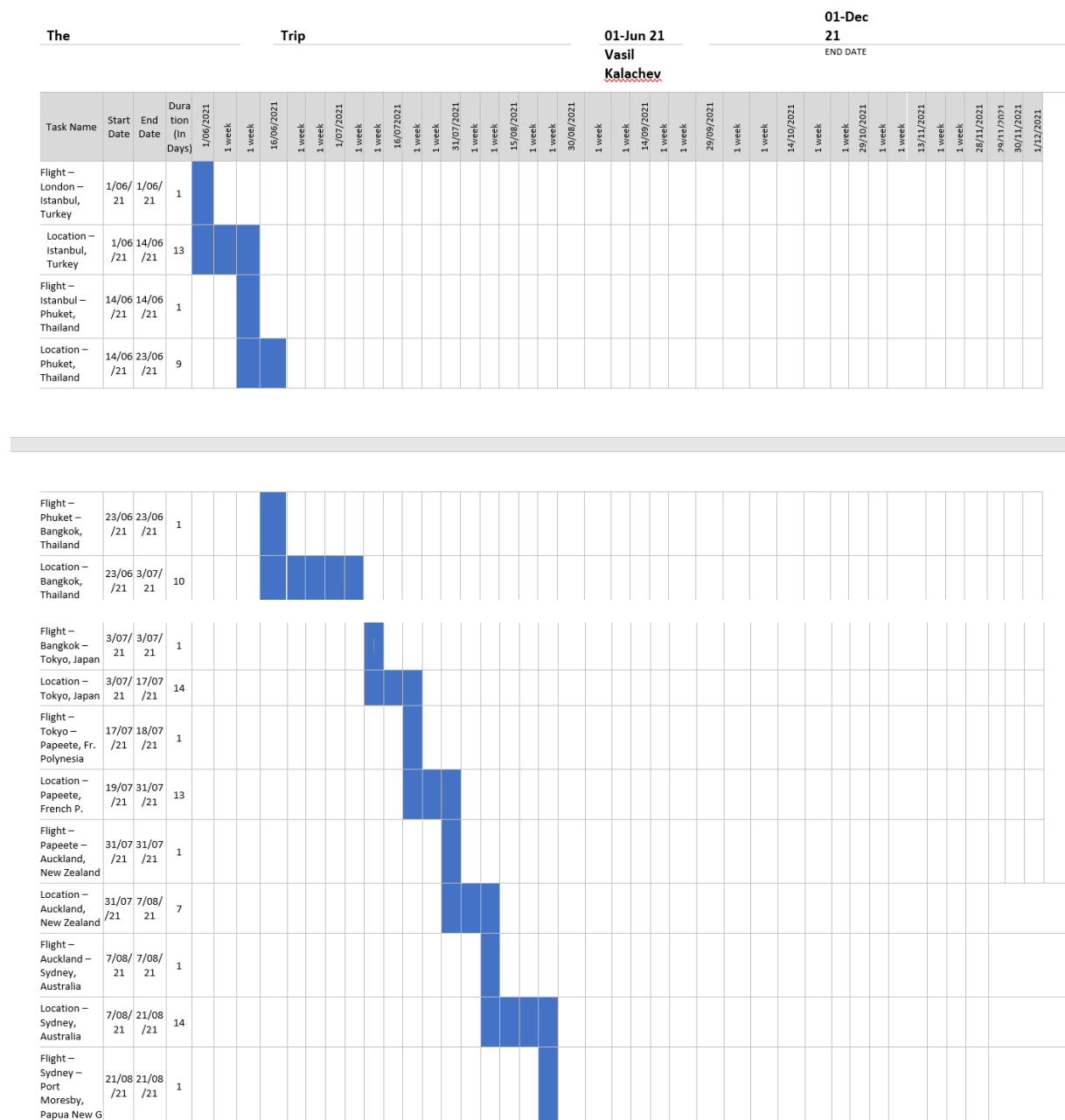
Even the assignment 1 to be a bit off the main topic, however it contains most of the requirements included, description of the idea, stakeholder analysis, risk analysis, WBS, activity list plus Gantt Chart, where tasks are defined and described that must be completed within a period of 5 months, and a brief cash flow table with description.

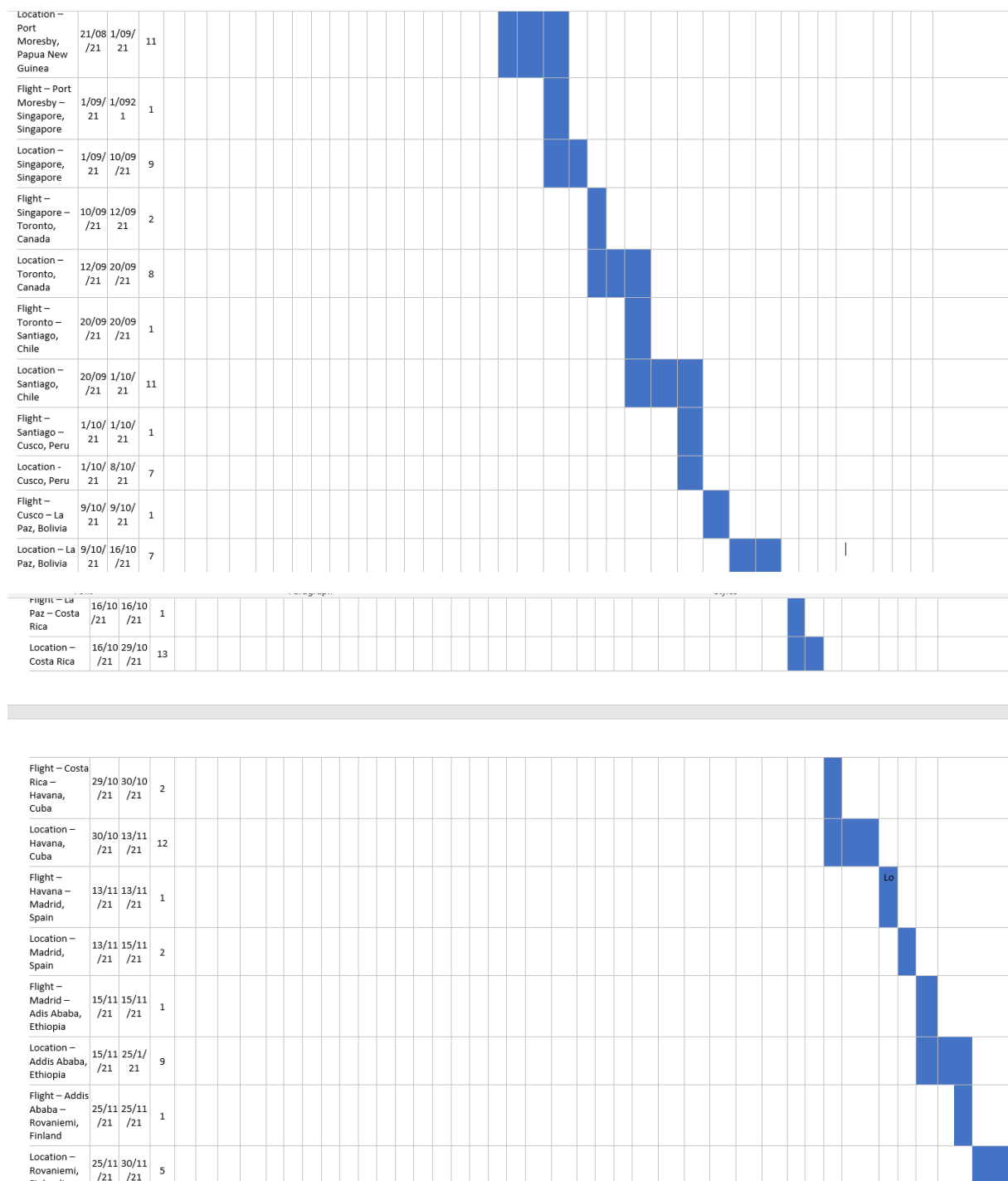
In this work I will discuss the elements that was not included in the previous work and exactly to make a Gantt chart of the main idea which is the six-month trip but before that will provide more clarity about the cash flow and the way why it looks in that way with an example, so to prove its reality.

The last main part of assignment 2 is to answer the questions that are the basis of the requirements the

assignment and thus to fully satisfy the requirements themselves.

Gantt Chart





Cash flow and a plan example of how

In assignment 1 was shown the cash flow that described the whole money that need to be used under the defined categories. However, they are separated in much more broken structure and cover any single trip with different

budget. Here will be explained with more details how actually the money is used in one location. The chosen location is with average standard of live when compared to other ones, basically in all of them the budgeting system is the same with a bit difference in spending. The chosen location will be the first one in this trip – Istanbul and best to show how the budget is working. The Turkish city is cheaper than other destinations in the trip like Tokyo, Singapore or Sydney and meanwhile is with higher standard compared to Havana, Addis Ababa and Bangkok.

1. On 01-June 21 – The Pegasus airlines at 11:40am will get me to Istanbul from Stansted – 64.00
2. On 01-June 21 after 6:00pm will enter in the flat shown below with pictures and live in the next 13 days – 388.00







3.

A. Milk (regular), (1 liter) 0.55 £

Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500g) 0.28 £

Rice (white), (1kg) 1.24 £

Eggs (regular) (12) 1.20 £

Local Cheese (1kg) 4.47 £

Chicken Fillets (1kg) 2.34 £

Beef Round (1kg) (or Equivalent Back Leg Red Meat) 7.11 £

Apples (1kg) 0.65 £

Banana (1kg) 1.46 £

Oranges (1kg) 0.78 £

Tomato (1kg) 0.56 £

Potato (1kg) 0.33 £

Onion (1kg) 0.31 £

Lettuce (1 head) 0.46 £

Water (1.5 liter bottle) 0.24 £

Bottle of Wine (Mid-Range) 5.41 £

Domestic Beer (0.5 liter bottle) 1.32 £

Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle) 1.81 £

Cigarettes 20 Pack (Marlboro) 1.77 £

B. Monthly Pass (Included all type of transports in Istanbul – without taxi) 27.03 £

C. Meal, Inexpensive Restaurant 2.95 £

Meal for 2 People, Mid-range Restaurant, Three-course 14.74 £

Source: Numbeo.com

The information above is categories in three groups, it shows the fixed price of the plane that will get us there (1), the flat with its fixed price for this period (2), as well as provide information of basis food items that we can

find in a regular shop (3-A), other both things which are included are – transportation cost which is not fixed like plane and flat, as the information is for a monthly pass (3-B), and (3-C) shows us the prices in restaurants and pubs meals. A price for museums and galleries is not shown here, but we can roughly guess them with the necessary information we already have. So, on the base of it the budget for this destination included the flight is:

Airplane - 64.00 (fixed)

Flat – 388.00 (fixed)

Local transport – 27.03

Shopping – Market 180.00

Shopping – Restaurants & Pubs – 120.00

Culture – 100.00

Other – 200.00

Unexpected/emergency – 200.00

Total – 1579.03

The financial information shown above is a specifically only for Istanbul, Turkey (location number 1, which is out of 18) However, the information is taken from the main cash flow where is shown in assignment 1.

Answers

In this chapter will be cover fully the tasks of assignment 2 and will be answered all questions that form the task of the work.

Q1. Outline the objectives of the project and indicate if they were achieved or not and if not, why not?

A1. With the right researches the project is very realistic, however it still did not fully meet the necessary requirements of assignment 1, as the project was split by the main plan and pre-plan where could be find in the first work, while the main plan was described here with the way of its activity and realism of the cash flow. In any cases it should not be count as something wrong even it is not quiet right, as a project with such a nature needs a preparation before the main idea of the project to take an action. Still, we can find in detail described preparation called pre-main-project work where can see activity list and chart for a period of five months tasks, as well as other tools used in the project management subject was in use in assignment 1.

Q2. Outline any benefits that have been achieved and if these were expected or unexpected?

A2. Definitely we can see a lot of benefits that are coming from assignment 1 and noticed in the project. For example, WBS structure is covering almost all possible or even all possible without almost steps that are necessary to be taken for realization of such a project and are clearly ordered in a special categories and sub categories that can be follow and check their

development from time to time. However, probably the greatest benefit here is the saved budget. When the trip was plan there was not any specific limitation of the trip. We can notice in the detailed example of how is structured one location and is clearly visible that we are located in a comfortable place and having more than enough budget to fully enjoy without any limitation our trip. So, if we spend our budget on 100%, we are still going to return home with over than 16000 pounds. Another benefit is we are going to do our aim in a positive and refresh mind out of any worries as we do have planed and structed to steps, we do have the activity list of the steps pre-project and for the project as well as financial we are satisfied. To classify the benefits, we can put the steps in WBS, risk analyses, Gannt Charts, Stakeholders and other as expected while the benefit for the budget was unexpected that we can create such a trip and to save at least nearly 17000 pounds.

Q3. Did the project stay within its original scope? This is the project's timescale, the budget, and the projects tolerances?

A3. The project timescale in assignment 1 was disturbed as is already mention it, because it could not fit in one place a six-month trip in different locations and preparation for the trip, anyways even with a bit of changes in the main requirement for the assignments they still were covered. The project definitely goes well as thanks to PM tools we can described all possible steps or if we missed ones, they are minors within the

necessary time with budget on plus at least 16000 pounds. The satisfaction is full as we have enough time to cover our tasks in a no rush environment, while we have them on paper or so-called project plan.

Q4. Explain the changes that were made in the run up to the completion of the project - These are changes made in original plan. Also, what were effects of these changes on this project?

A4. Surprisingly or not, there were not any changes of the original idea and in the next sentences will be explain how the everything around the project was created. So, I had 3 elements:

- Exotic idea for a 6 months trip that can gain a lot of new experience in so many aspects as well as can change and develop my personality in professional and personal plan in the end of it.
- PM tools, that are necessary to be created a project for the idea.
- 50k in pounds.

Before to start any certation of the idea I first check if this could be possible hot the budget will fit in. By checking the plane prices and the potential flats to rent I briefly had a look of the standard of living in the chosen places. By the end my calculation was clarify that the trip is not only realistic but could save a lot of the budget while there are not going to be a special financial limitation in any of the location. A brief sortation of how that is going to look was thought out, and then the decision was to be split by two project plans, before the trip and during the

trip. Assignment 1 covers all possible steps during and pre trip, while it estimates possible risk that may occur during the trip, plus who are the stakeholders and activity steps before the trip, and it is finishing with a brief explanation of cash flow. In assignment 2 where the main task is to feedback our work, we are not only doing that but also it is added additional information that is missed in the first work – activity steps during the trip, how cash flow was calculated and giving an example of how the things are looking in a specific location which is enough for the work here as the following locations are based on the same system. So, there was no changes of my original plan or at least not now.

Q5. Summaries the lessons learnt during the project, what went well and what you would do differently next time. Think about the project's successes and areas which need to be improved and explain any recommendations you would have for future projects.

A5. Even if the project went quiet smoothly which is a more or less surprise, that definitely does not make me a professional person who is qualified enough to create a great project, there is tools are missed like SMART objectives. For example, assignment 1 covers a lot of the necessary requirements, but it is not perfect,

business case is missing even if this is a physical project, stakeholders are not properly described, even if the Gantt chart is there the Precedence Network Diagram it is not mention at all. In any cases, most of the requirements are covered.

Q6. Were there any risks which you felt you could have identified earlier on in the project? What do you feel prevented you from identifying them, or were they unavoidable and unpredictable?

A5. This project, and not only could be affected of literarily thousands of potential situations. I am satisfied of my identification in the risk analyses as I create groups for the potential risks and put them in the specific groups, and by that I can cover thousands of potential risks in only 6 groups. For example, in Healthy issues there could be so many risks of different illnesses to catch, like malaria or so, lets make one basic taking care of ourself, instead to try to identify all possible viruses we can catch. CoVid-19 is perefect example of that, we do have wear masks, we clean our hands more often than usual, we sanitize them and so on, in this case we are protecting ourselves not only from the coronavirus, but from many other viruses, flues, illnesses and even colds. Another example is with the Accident group, there is probably millions of possible accidents, so that is why we are trying to protect ourselves in different situations like we are doing it with coronavirus, the example for this group is when we are crossing a street with vehicles we are still look around even if the traffic light is green for

us, or at least by doing it that way, we are taking care of potential risk in much better way.

Conclusion

Yes, the project is still far of the perfect, but clearly could be seen that I am on the right way, if you compared the resit with the first-time assignments work, I believe the progress is visible. There is still a lot of work to do to become a professional person that could get paid to create a project, but at least it can be seen that the concept of this subject is understood by me, and only need more practices.

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