7 Challenges faced in Hybrid Project Management Framework environments [1]

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Introduction

This article provides current or future project managers insights into the challenges they may face while managing a project in a hybrid project management framework environment and can be prepared to meet the challenges head-on without getting offended amongst the circumstances they are in.

7 Challenges faced in Hybrid Project Management

1. In a hybrid Project management framework, you will have to strongly adjust to the Customer's direction which can be confusing at times i.e., sometimes, certain members of the project team are comfortable to see the project schedule in MS Project, however some are averse to it and rather see the activities in a JIRA Board and monitor the project progress using Burndown chart.

2. Sometimes midstream in a project, you might have to gravitate to a complete Agile methodology vs. following a Work Breakdown structure.

3. Other times, you will have a project schedule in MS Project for project leadership and a Rigorous JIRA/Kanban Board for the Delivery team and you will have to synchronize the two repositories on a constant basis to reflect the accurate and current progress of the project.

4. Also, there will be a mix of project status review meetings and a Scrum Ceremony to address the needs of different audiences within the same project team.

5. The method of escalating issues/risks will widely vary i.e., in certain instances, they are reported in the project status report via a PowerPoint deck and in other

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instances, they are reviewed during the Scrum ceremonies via a JIRA Board representation or in an Excel file format.

6. The number of project meetings tend to be higher to accommodate both the Scrum Ceremonies and the waterfall method of status reporting adhering to different audiences in a project.

7. Lastly, one must adopt to the different methodologies to satisfy the needs of the Stakeholders to stay in business.

Summary / Conclusion

Based on my project management experience within the Aerospace industry, I felt the need to share my experiences for the benefit of the project management community and to share my learnings with a larger audience.

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