

How Most Projects are Planned

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| 20% | No plan at all | Just doing the tasks as they come up, lots of stress, probably increased costs (overtime and panic) and increased time (forget things and then realize you have to wait for them). |
| 25% | Plan in one person's head | (probably wrong and nobody else knows it) |
| 25% | Plan is in the form of a list of tasks, maybe with dates | Dates guessed, not able to see dependencies or what's critical. Can't even see what's large or small. Can't add up vertically to see resources required. |
| 10% | Gantt chart! | But no critical path shown - just a bunch of tasks put onto a time line. Not possible to see what's critical, how much float tasks have, what depends on what, etc |
| 10% | Gantt chart has critical path but... | But wasn't based on post-its so is probably not correct. Often all in series or all in parallel. MSProject encourages this. |
| 10% | Yay! Gantt chart based on critical path diagram = correct! | Post-its only take 20 minutes, involve team, verging on fun, then it's easy to make it into a Gantt chart, another 10 minutes, total of 30. |