

8 OT Project Management and Implementation

Topics

- OT Project Lifecycle
- Key Considerations in OT Implementation

Initiation Phase

- Objectives, scope, and feasibility
- Identify stakeholders and roles
- Preliminary assessment to find project's needs and constraints
- Define goals, objectives, and success criteria
- Establish governance
- Obtain necessary approvals

Planning Phase

- Draft project plan
- Scope, deliverables, timelines, and resource needs
- Conduct risk assessments and plan mitigations
- Define communication and reporting channels
- Draft change management plan

Execution Phase

- Procure and deploy OT systems
- Monitor project progress
- Identify deviations from plan
- Project meetings and status updates

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- Monitoring and Control Phase
 - Track project performance against metrics, milestones, and quality standards
 - Regular status updates and progress reports
 - Manage risks
 - Change management for changes to scope, timeline, and budget
 - Regular project reviews and audits

- Closure Phase
 - Deliverables
 - Lessons learned
 - Project evaluations
 - Final project reports and documentation



- Comprehensive Requirements Analysis
 - Engage with stakeholders
 - On-site assessments to gauge existing infrastructure and identify needed modifications or upgrades
 - Define technical specifications
 - Explore potential system integrations
 - Investigate interoperability requirements
 - Identify regulatory or compliance requirements

Prudent Resource Allocation

Plan to allocate personnel, budget, equipment and infrastructure resources

Effective Change Management

- Outline steps, communication strategies, and stake holder engagement methods
- Potential challenges and resistance to change
- Training and support for those affected
- Communicating the benefits and outcomes of the change

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- Robust Risk Management
 - Risk assessment
 - Implement security measures
 - Access controls, encryption, IDS
 - Implement incident response plans
 - Regularly monitor and evaluate effectiveness of risk mitigation

Strategic Vendor Management

- Evaluate vendor capabilities, reputation, and experience in the OT domain
- Define expectations, deliverables, and contractual agreements
- Establish communication channels for issues and concerns
- Compliance with vendor and supply chain security requirements

