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# Project for developing a project management simulation game for engineers

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# Project: Development of a modular and sustainable smartphone

*Phone it Co.* has contacted you to develop a new smartphone. The three most important requisites are that it needs to be *modular, sustainable* and *affordable*. This means that the device must be constructed from parts that can be interchangable by the user, that the materials and fabrication process are ecofriendly and that its price is not too high.

Project details:

- Budget: 150.000€
- Duration: 4 months
- Project start: 02/01/2023
- Project delivery: 28/04/2023

# Event

One of your team has turned positive in Covid-19. He has 10 days of medical leave. The rest of team will be 3 days in quarantine. (Employee ID: 005)

# Event

Due to lack of motivation among the employees, they will spend more time on their current tasks. (+1 in each subtask for 1 week)

# Event

Thanks to the good attitude from the project manager, employees will complete their tasks faster. (-1 in each subtask for 1 week)

## Event

A member of your team is going to have a wedding and will have holidays for 15 natural days. (Employee ID: 003)

Event

a better job offer and is thinking to accept it. He demands a raise of 500€/Weekly.

(Employee ID: 002)

## Event

All the female employees are going on a strike for 5 days.

## Event

Half of the team goes on holidays for 1 week. (Employees ID: 002, 004, 005)

# Event

One of you team has broken his leg and will be at home for two weeks. (Employee ID: 002)

# Event

There has been floods in the city and it has damaged the offices. Employees will have to work at home for 5 natural days. (+1 in each subtask)

# Event

There is an international Phone conference next friday. The whole team will attend.

# Event

One of your team has just been vaccinated from Covid-19 and does not feel ok. He will have a medical leave for 2 days. (Employee ID: 003)

# Event

One of your team is getting maternity/paternity leave and will not work in 4 months. (Employee ID: 001)



#### 1.2 1.3 Teamwork organisation 1.1 Project timeline Market research **Financial studies** Team forming and definition Definition of the amount of Study of the current mobile Economic analysis to make of positions. work there will be for each industry. task within a schedule. Subtasks: 3 Subtasks: 3 1. Team members selection Subtasks: Ð 1. Smartphone state of art analysis +3 +3 2. Group meeting/introduction +2 1. Tasks definition +4 2. Sustainability in technology analysis +3 3. Role definition +3 2. Task responible definition +3 3. Products with similar characteristics +2 4. Objectives to be achieved +2 3. Gantt creation +3 analysis 4. Drafting +2 Specialty: Management Specialty: Management/Analysis Specialty: Design/Analysis 2.1 2.3 2.2 User stories creation Design analysis **First sketches** Deep understanding of the Analysis on how users Initial drawings of possible design specifications for the interact with smartphones. designs for the final product. project. Subtasks: Subtasks: 3 Subtasks: 1. Stakeholders definition +2 1. Design brainstorming +5 1. Recopilation of design requirements +2 2. End users definition +2 2. Sketching +4 2. Viability analysis +3 3. Smartphone interactions analysis +3 3. Meeting for more specifications +1



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3D design	2.5.							
3D modelling of the device to								
have a more realisctic view								
of how the design will be.								
Subtasks:	3							
1. 3D modelling	+5							
2. 2D representation of design	+3							
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Specialty: Design

Programming	2.7
Software development for	
the device.	
Subtasks:	S)
1. General programming	+6

Specialty: Design/Engineering

Specialty: Engineering

# good use of the budget. 3 Subtasks: 1. Fixed assets analysis +2 2. Budget deviations analysis +2 3. Budget upper limit analysis +2 4. Tasks costs +4 Specialty: Analysis 2.4 Advanced sketches Detailed sketch creation of the final design. 3 Subtasks:

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# 1. Possible final design election +5 2. Detailed sketching +4 Specialty: Design 3.1 **Dimension analysis** Size definition of the device. Subtasks:

1. Ergonomic analysis	+5	
2. Sizing comparison	+3	
3. Final size decision	+3	

### Specialty: Analysis/Design

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	Materials	0.2.
	Material definition of the	
	different parts the final	
	device will have.	
	Subtasks:	)
	1. Materials analysis	+4
	2. Materials election	+3
	Specialty: Design/Engineeri	ng
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Fabrication process Definition on how the dev will be manufactured.	3.4. ice
Subtasks:	Ì
1. Fabrication processes analysis	+3
2. Fabrication process election	+3
Specialty: Design/Engineer	ing

# Applicable legislation <sup>3.5</sup> Legislative analysis to ensure the cumpliment of all regulations. 3 Subtasks: 1. Design & Ergonomic normative +3 2. Technology normative +2 3. Sustainability normative +2 4. Quality normative +2 Specialty: Legal

<b>Prototype fabrication</b> Development of prototype to get a closer look at the final design of the device.	3.6. s
Subtasks:	
1. 3D printing design	+4
2. 3D printing process	+3
Specialty: Design/Engineeri	ng
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Analysis of what should be tested.				
Subtasks:	3			
1. Testing analysis	+4			
2. Tests setup	+3			
Specialty: Design/Engineeri	ng			
Specialty: Design/Engineeri	ng			

Testing study

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User interface testing	4.2.
Testing of the interface	
between the applications	
and the end user.	
Subtasks:	S)
1. Functional testing	+3
2. VIsual design testing	+3
3. Performance testing	+3
4. Usability testing	+3
Specialty: Design/Engineeri	ng

Durability testing Testing of the device	4.3.
toughness.	
Subtasks:	Ì
1. Drop/bump resistance testing	+3
2. Water resistance testingf	+3
3. Consistency testing	+3
4. Quality testing	+3
Specialty: Design/Engineeri	ing

Presentation preparation						
Making of the presentation						
that will be made to the						
company.						
Subtasks:	Ì					
1. Gathering relevant information	+2					
2. Template creation	+3					
3. Presentation development	+3					
4. Q&A preparation	+3					
Specialty: All						







# Project calendar sheet

	Мо	nday	Tue	sday	Wedn	esday	Thur	sday	Fri	day	Satu	ırday	Sur	nday
Dec. 2022	<b>26</b>	Week 52	27		28		29		30		31			
	2	Week 1	3		4		5		6		7		8	
	9	Week 2	10		11		12		13		14		15	
Jan. 2023	16	Week 3	17		18		19		20		21		22	
	23	Week 4	24		25		26		27		28		29	
	30	Week 5	31		1		2		3		4		5	
	6	Week 6	7		8				10		11		12	
	13	Week 7	14		15		16		17		18		19	
Feb. 2023	20	Week 8	21		22		23		24		25		26	
	27	Week 9	28				2		3		4		5	
	6	Week 10					 		10		11		12	
	13	Week 11	14		15		16		17		18		19	
Mar. 2023	20	Week 12	21		22		23		24		25		26	
	27	Week 13	28		29		30		31		1		2	
	3	Week 14			5		6		7		8		9	
	10	Week 15	 _11		12		13		14		15		16	
Apr. 2023	17	Week 16	 _18		 _19_		20		21		22		23	
		Week 17	25		26		27		28		29		30	
	1	Week 18			3		4				_ <u>6</u> _			
	<u>8</u>	Week 19			<u>10</u>		<u>11</u>		<u>12</u>		<u>13</u>		<u>14</u>	
May 2022	15	Week 20	16		17		18		19		20		21	
Way. 2023	22	Week 21	23		24		25		26		27		28	
	29	Week 22	30		31		1		2		3		4	
	5	Week 23	6		7		8		9		10		11	
	12	Week 24	13		14		15		16		17		18	
Jun. 2023	19	Week 25	20		21		22		23		24		25	
	26	Week 26	27		20		20							
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# Budget control sheet

	Fix costs - PC (€)	Tempral cost - TC (€)	Available budget (€)	Perc. of budget spent (%)	Perc. of days that have passed (%)
Week 52					
Week 1					5,9
Week 2					11,8
Week 3					17,6
Week 4					23,5
Week 5					29,4
Week 6					35,3
Week 7					41,2
Week 8					47,1
Week 9					52,9
Week 10					58,8
Week 11					64,7
Week 12					70,6
Week 13					76,5
Week 14					82,4
Week 15					88,2
Week 16					94,1
Week 17					100
Week 18	+3000				
Week 19	+3000				
Week 20	+3000				
Week 21	+3000				
Week 22	+3000				
Week 23	+3000				
Week 24	+3000				
Week 25	+3000				
Week 26	+3000				

# Annex 2: Game Manual



# The Project Management Game

Game manual



This manual contains a detailed explanation of all *Project it*. rules. It is recommended to read it since the game has several points to consider. Once you have understood all aspects of the game, it's time to start managing the project and having fun!



### Game components

### 1. Presentation Card



### 2. Kanban Board

This is the card that shows the relevant information about the project that must be accomplished throughout the game. It displays information about the budget, duration, start and end of the project.



#### The players will have to display the tasks on the Kanban Board. Tasks that are not yet started must be placed in the To do column, those tasks in which the employees are working on must be on the WLP columns and once they are ended, they must be in the Done column. After all tasks of a milestone have been completed, the tasks should be stored at the bottom in the corresponding slot.

### 3. Calendar sheet



This calendar is used to keep track of the days that are passing during the project.

The green cell corresponds to the start date of the project, the red cell corresponds to the delivery date of the project and the orange cells correspond to public holidays, so that no work can be done on these days.

The days marked in red correspond to the occurrence of an event.

The small white cells inside each day are used to mark that the date has passed. The small yellow cell is used to mark the days affected by an event. Above this date you can write the name of an employee who is hired on a temporary basis, to count the number of days he/ she works.

Project it.

### 4. Budget control sheet



This budget sheet is used to keep track of how much of the budget is being spent and must be filled in each time a week has concluded.

It is divided into 6 columns. The first one corresponds to the current usek that the employees are working on. The next column refers to the amount of money that has been spent on permanent contracts, which means the weekly salary of the whole team. The next one is for adding the sum of money spent on the temporal employees during that week. The fourth column is for keeping track on how much of the budget is remaining, and the following one refers to the percentage of it that has been spent. The last column counts the percentage of days that passed until the project delivery date.

As it is shown on the sheet, on the second column starting on week 18, the team will have a penalty of  $3000\varepsilon$  each week the team is delayed with the project.

### 5. Task cards



These cards correspond to the tasks. There are a total of 22 tasks distributed in 5 milestones. Each task shows at the top right the number of the milestone to which it corresponds and its task order within the milestone. It also displays a brief description of the task and the subtasks that the worker will have to perform. To the right of it there is a number that corresponds to the result that must come up when rolling the dice to complete each subtask. There is also a slot where the worker must be placed, who must have the speciality mentioned above this slot.



### 6. Employee cards



These cards correspond to employees (total of 23). On each card you can see what each employee does or has studied in addition to his/her speciality. Below the speciality, a characteristic related to the performance in each subtask is shown, which will be related with their salary. There is also a cell where the player will have to write the ID of the employee (OD, 002, etc.). At the bottom right it displays the daily rate that it would cost to hire him if he/she was hired on a temporary basis, and then the weekly salary for those employees that are hired permanently.

### 7. Event cards



Event cards correspond to occurrences that may occur during the course of the game. Some of them affect tasks, some affect certain employees, some affect the whole team, and some do not contain any occurrences at all. There is a total of 21 event cards.

### 8. Dice



Simple dice which must be thrown to complete subtasks from each task

## Game instructions

### Introduction

The goal of the game is to remain with the highest quantity of the initial budget. This means that the players will have to make good decisions in task planning and employee designation to finish the project on time.

It is recommended to play the game in groups of 3 to 4 players, where each person can be responsible for one function (e.g. one rolls the dice and moves the tasks, another fills in the calendar and another fills in the budget sheet).

During the game, the players will have to choose between a handful of employees with different salaries, characteristics, and specialties, and designate them to the different tasks. These tasks are divided into 5 milestones and contain certain subtasks that must be accomplished. Therefore, to complete a task, all its subtasks must be done. And to get a subtask done, it will be necessary to roll the dice and obtain the same or a higher number that corresponds to the subtask. This number can vary depending on the employee.

They will have to follow a calendar in which some days they will encounter events that will force them to change their strategy.



#### Game flow

1. First, the players will have to read the project description to have an idea on what the project consists of and obtain relevant information about. (2 minutes)

2. Next, the players must choose 5 employees from among all of them who will work on the project. Things to considerate:

a. Specialty – Employees may only work on those tasks that match their specialty. Some employees count with more than one specialty, meaning they will be able to work on more than one type of task.

b. Weekly Salary – The money that you will spend each week by having him/ her on the team.

c. Daily rate – Money that costs each employee if you decide to hire him/her temporarily. They can be hired at any time during the project.

d. (-1 in subtasks) - This means that this employee can accomplish the subtasks by getting one number less when rolling the dice in each subtask.

e. (+1 in subtasks) – This means that this employee can accomplish the subtasks by getting one number more when rolling the dice in each subtask.

f. Those employees that have no information below the *Specialty* will have to obtain the number it shows or higher on each subtask.

It is important to ensure that the team is multidisciplinary and that salaries do not exceed the budget. Throughout the game you will be able to hire temporarily an employee paying their corresponding daily rate. Writing down and calculating the salaries can help during the game. In addition, the work team must be composed of at least one employee with a specialisation in management, as he/she will be the project manager. (5 minutes)

3. Players must write down the employee ID in the white cells, the purpose of the IDs is related to the events that may occur, since some of them will only affect certain employees of the team. It doesn't matter what ID is assigned to each employee. These numbers must go from 001 to 005 as it is shown in the example below. (1 minute)





4. Once the employees are chosen, the players can get the task cards and organise them. Each task card contains a number that is shown on the top right part of the card, and It corresponds to the milestone to which it belongs and its order within it.

The card also shows its title with a brief description about the task. The subtasks are displayed below the description, and on the right part of each subtask there is a number that corresponds to the number that the player must obtain to accomplish the respective subtask. In addition, each subtask has a number indicating the column in the *WLP* part of the Kanban Board it belongs to.

As it has been mentioned before, each task can have one or more specialties, which means that the tasks can only be completed by an employee that matches with one of them. Employees must be placed on the cell below the specialty while it is being worked on. (4 minutes)



5. From this point the players will play by their own. Once the cards are organized, the game can start. First, the tasks cards from the first milestone must be placed on the *To do* column in the Kanban Board, as it is shown below. The rest of the task's cards can be placed on the side. You can also place the chosen employees on the side of the board. The event cards must be also placed next to the board and turned upside down.





Once they are all placed on the To do column the first task should have to be placed on the first column on the UU.P part of the Kanban Board.



Then, the players will have to roll the dice. If the number obtained on the dice is the same number or higher than the corresponding number, the subtask will be completed, and the card can be moved to column number 2. If not, it will have to stay on the same column. Once the dice is rolled, the player must mark on the calendar that the day has passed. Players can only roll the dice once per day and task meaning that if there is more than one task on the board, the dice must be rolled once per task, and that will mean that a day has passed.

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Once the day has been marked on the calendar sheet, the game can continue. As it has been mentioned before, if the number that has been obtained by rolling the dice is lower than the one mentioned in the subtask, the task must stay in the column. If it is equal or higher, the task can be moved to the next column to start working on the next subtask. As the first column has been freed, the next task in order can be moved to this column. The image below represents as if the number obtained with the dice is higher than the one that the first subtask form the first tasks, so it has been moved to the next column and a new task has been added to the first column.



Once both tasks are correctly placed, the next day on the calendar must be marked and the dice can be rolled out to start the second subtask from the first task. If the obtained number is equal or higher, this task can be moved to the third column. The dice must be thrown again for the first subtask of the second task, and it will be moved or not depending on the result.

This must be repeated until all the tasks from the first milestone reach the Done column. Once this happens, the cards must be put on the bottom part of the board on its corresponding milestone.

It is important to keep track on the days passed on the calendar sheet and fill in the budget sheet as it is shown in the next page. Players must take care that the column for the percentage of the budget spent does not exceed the percentage of days that have passed.





As mentioned before, there are certain days on which events occur. These days are those that are coloured in red on the calendar sheet (e.g. 17 January). So, when the current date is one of these days, one of the event cards should be taken before rolling the dice. The occurrences that appear on the cards start on that same day, meaning that, for example, if it happens that a worker cannot work for the next 5 days, the first day he/she cannot work is that same day. Another thing that can happen is that an employee leaves the team. If this happens, another employee can be recruited to fill the position.

The following represents what the game should look like when all tasks are completed.





As it can be seen on the image from the previous page, the employees from the team are placed on the left part of the board and on top those employees that have been hired temporarily or that have left the team. On the right-hand side of the table, the event cards that have been released during the project are displayed. There is a total of 9 since there are 9 dates involving occurrences. In addition, the task cards are placed on their respective milestones.

Below is what the budget and calendar sheets could look like at the end of the project.



As it can be appreciated on the sheets, each day has been marked in addition to those days when events were taking place, and the budgetary content has been filled in for each week. In this example, the remaining budget has turned out to be **189406**. This amount should be compared to the one the other teams had to see who won. The game can be repeated by using other strategies to try to improve the result.



#### Compilation of points to remind

- The goal of the game is to obtain the largest amount of remaining budget.
- The work team must always be composed of 5 workers.
- · An employee can be changed only if an event states it.
- · Employees can be changed between tasks.
- · Employees can be hired temporarily (TC) at any time.
- The start date of any event is the day in which the card has been picked up.

 $\cdot$  Some employees must get a higher or lower number when rolling the dice to complete a subtask.

 $\cdot$  A task can be placed on the first column of the  $\ensuremath{\textit{Ul.P}}$  part only if there is no other task on it.

 A task cannot overtake another, meaning that, if there are more than one task on a same column, and if the result of the dice for the corresponding subtask from the first task is not achieved, the subtasks from the other tasks cannot be performed. This cannot happen on column I since there can only be one task each time as it has been mentioned before.

 $\cdot$  All the tasks from a milestone must be completed to be able to work on the tasks of the next milestone.

 The tasks of the last milestone must be performed by all employees of the team as it is stated on the card, meaning that they will only be able to work on a task at a time. The tasks can still be performed if there is an employee that is not available during the days they are being carried out.

 $\cdot$  Tasks must be moved to the *Done* column once all its corresponding subtasks are completed. Therefore, if a task contains 1, 2 or 3 subtasks, their last column from the *WLP* part will be columns number 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

