

Project Online and Project Server 2013 Workflows

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Session Background

- Deeper Dive, Details Beyond Previous Resources
- Tips and from Lessons Learned in the Field
- Fast Pace, Consolidate Presentation



Great Resources on Workflows

- Hitchhiker's Guide to Demand Management in Project Server 2013 by Steven Haden
<http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/p/?LinkId=304220>
- Designing Project lifecycles and workflows in Project Online and Project Server 2013 by Steven Haden:
<http://channel9.msdn.com/Events/Project/2014/PC321>
- Workflow deep dive in Project Online and Project Server 2013 by Biatrice Ambrosa (bia):
<http://channel9.msdn.com/Events/Project/2014/PC327>
- Project Online & Project Server 2013 Workflows
(MPUG Members Only):
<http://www.mpug.com/education/project-online-project-server-2013-workflows>



Why Workflow?

Simple Reasons

- Send Email Notice Upon Project Initiation
- Set Required Fields by Department

Advanced Reasons

- Implement Demand Management
- Transition Informal to Formal Portfolio Governance
- Raise Organizational Commitment to Portfolio Management

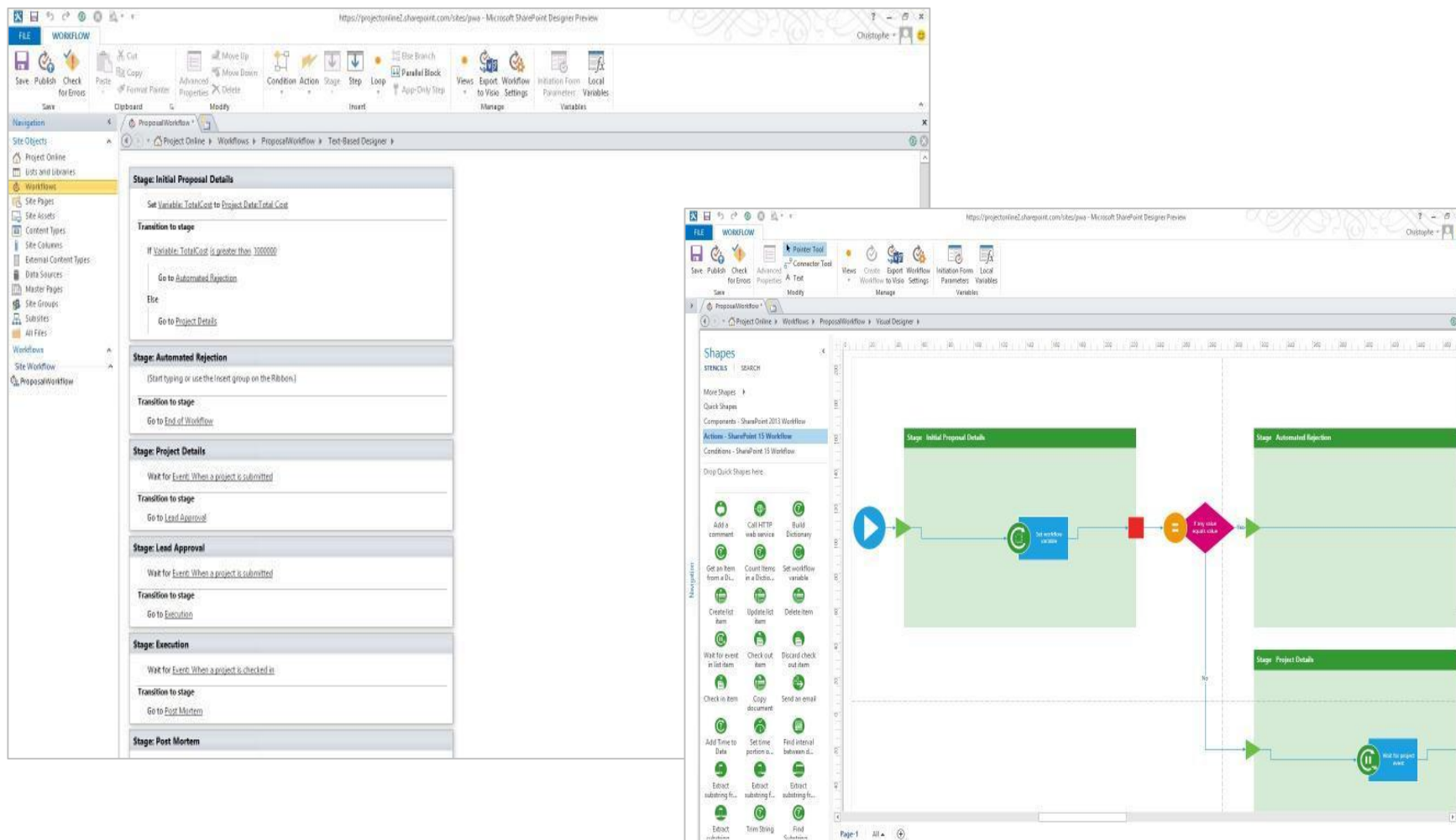


Workflow Implementation is the Final Exam for Project Online / Project Server





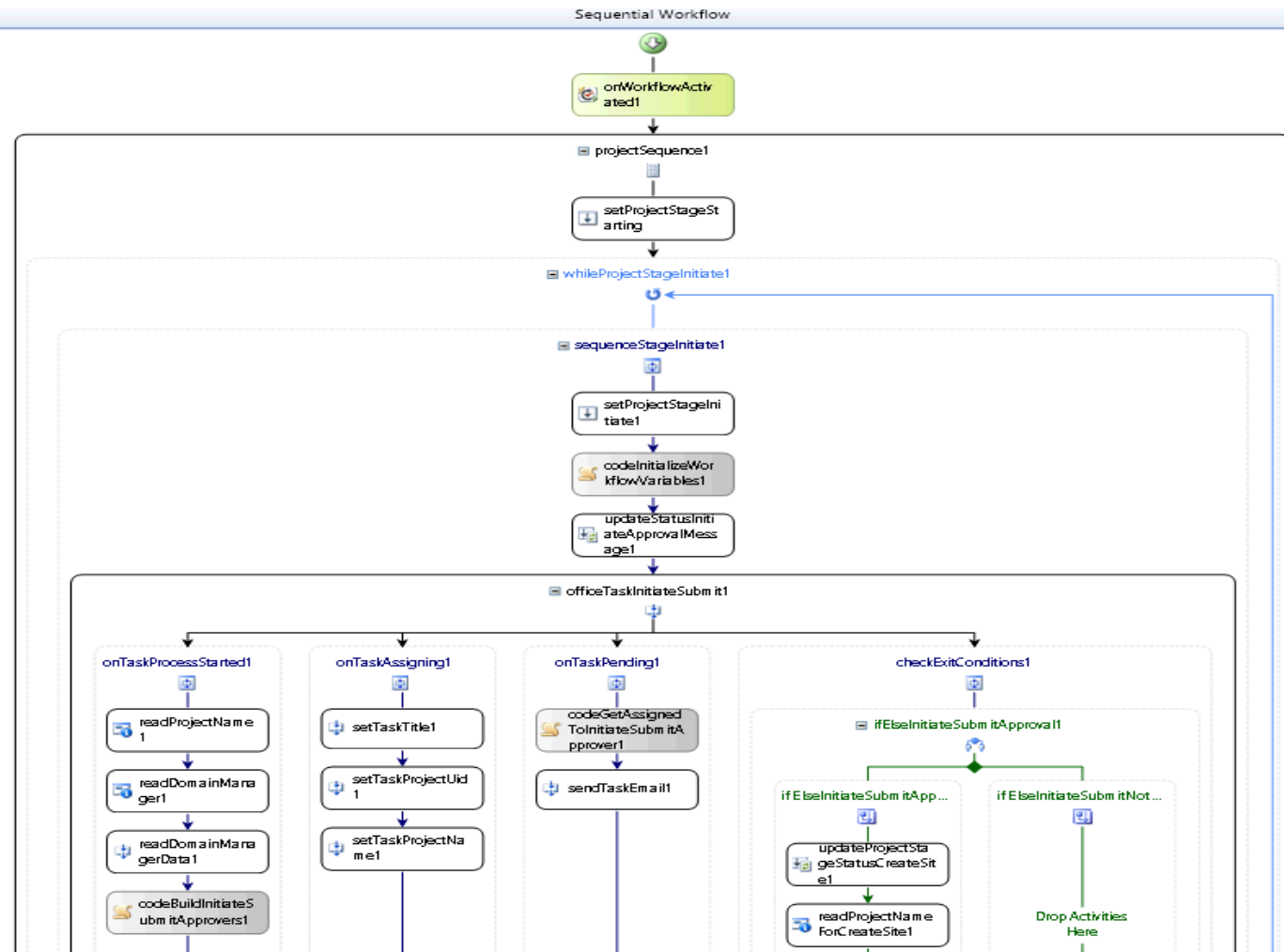
SharePoint Designer Workflows for Project Online / Project Server 2013





Challenge:

How to Upgrade Workflows Developed for Project Server 2010 in Visual Studio





Sequential Workflows for Project Server 2010 Work on Project Server 2013 !!!

Site Settings » Workflow Settings ⓘ

Workflows



Workflow Name (click to change settings)

Workflows in Progress

SharePoint 2013 Workflows

There are no SharePoint 2013 Workflows associated with this site.

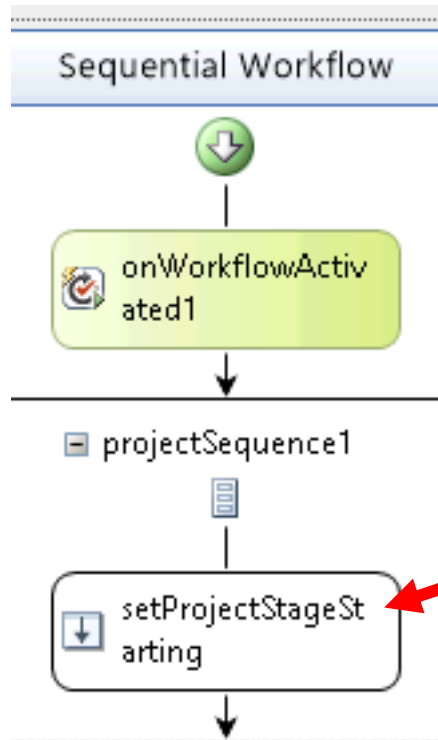
SharePoint 2010 Workflows

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| GSS Project | 1209 |
| MS Non PDP Project | 97 |
| MS PDP Project | 9 |
| Sample Proposal Workflow | 1 |
| SS PDP Info Project | 214 |
| SS PDP Project | 96 |
| VT CDP Project | 22 |
| VT PDP Project | 18 |
| VT Simple Project | 36 |
| VT TechDev Project | 2 |



FYI

2010 Sequential Workflows must start with a Set Project Stage Activity





Challenge:

Preventing disruption to users when implementing workflows





Tip #1

Follow a Workflow Implementation Process, outside of Production

Quick Tip

Plan & Design

Configure PWA

Build Workflow

Publish and Test
Workflow



Tip #2

Quick Tip

Document the Workflow Design Before Building



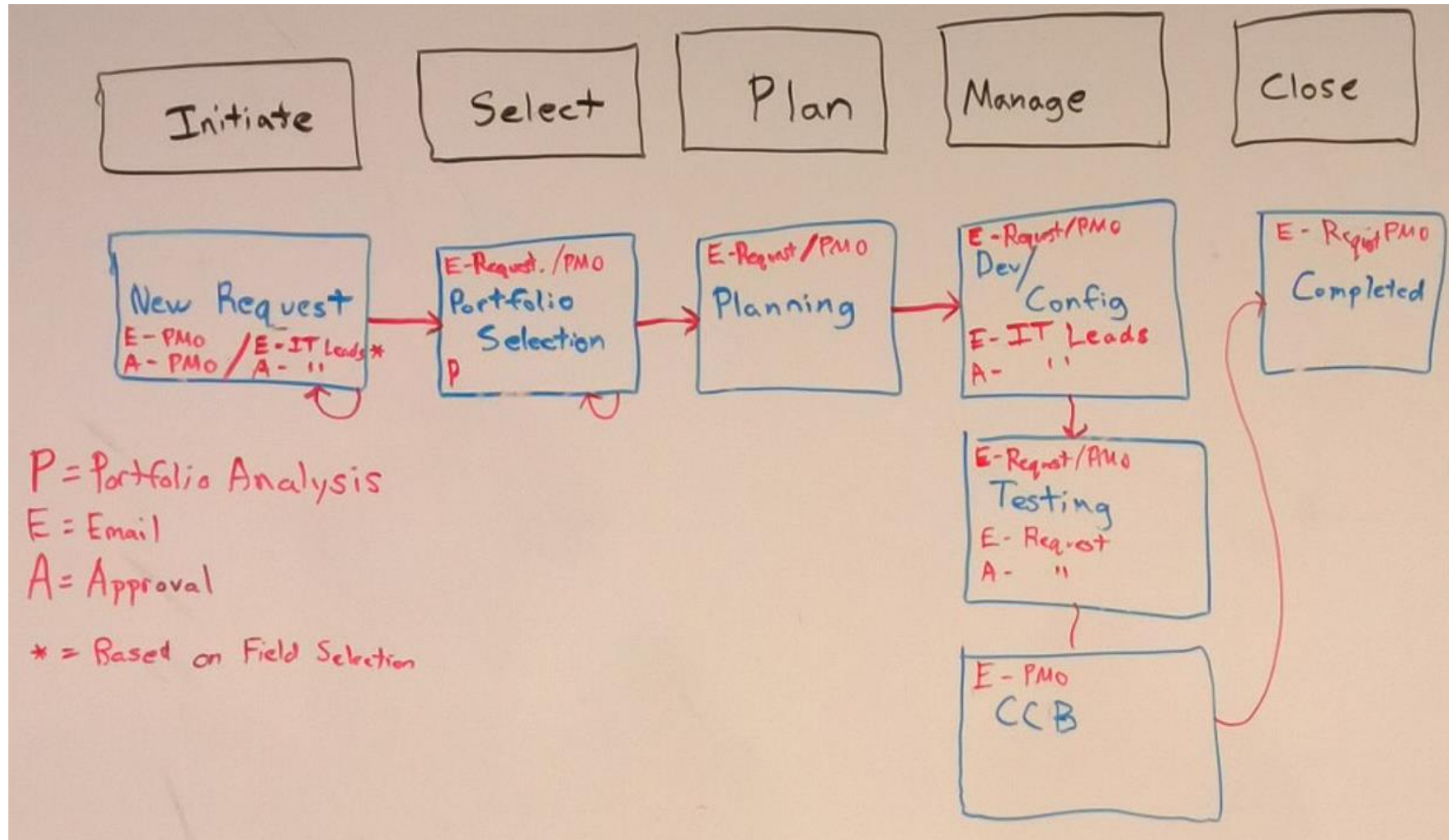
Visio



Excel



Start with White-Boarding





Next Translate Whiteboard Notes to a Design Document

Demo

Demo: Instructor to perform demo
Participants to watch and understand
Ask Questions



Challenge:

Sending an Email Notice based on Project Information

Detailed Project Information

Requester Name



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Using a SharePoint List for Email

Demo

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Quick Tip

Tip #3

Use a SharePoint List to Identify Email Addresses

PPM Works PWA Demo

Requesters

[+ new item](#) or [edit this list](#)

All Items

...

Find an item



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Challenge:

Determining where in the workflow to send email after a project is approved or rejected.

Stage: 1.2 Business Case

If Project Web App starts the workflow normally or restarts the workflow and includes this stage

Set the current project stage status to WaitingForInput with status information : When Business Case is complete submit...

then Wait for Event: When a project is submitted

then Set the current project stage status to WaitingForApproval with status information : Project pending PMO approval to advan...

then Start a task process with PMO Approval (Workflow) (Task outcome to Variable: BusinessCaseApproval)

Transition to stage

If Variable: BusinessCaseApproval equals Approved

Go to 1.3 Selection

Else

Go to 1.2 Business Case



Using Repeating Condition Sets for Email Notifications

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Tip #4

Repeat Condition Sets for Email Notifications

Stage: 1.2 Business Case

If Project Web App starts the workflow normally or restarts the workflow and includes this stage

Set the current project stage status to WaitingForInput with status information : When Business Case is complete submit...

then Wait for Event: When a project is submitted

then Set the current project stage status to WaitingForApproval with status information : Project pending PMO approval to advan...

then Start a task process with PMO Approval (Workflow) (Task outcome to Variable: BusinessCaseApproval)

If Variable: BusinessCaseApproval equals Approved

Email Project Data:Project Owner Email; Requesters:Email

If Variable: BusinessCaseApproval equals Rejected

Email Project Data:Project Owner Email; Requesters:Email

Transition to stage

If Variable: BusinessCaseApproval equals Approved

Go to 1.3 Selection

Else

Go to 1.2 Business Case



Challenge:

Using the Set Project Field Action

Stage: 1.1 Concept

If Project Web App starts the workflow normally or restarts the workflow and includes this stage

Set the current project stage status to WaitingForInput with status information : When Concept is complete submit proje...

then Wait for Event: When a project is submitted

then Set this field in the project to this value

Transition to stage

Go to 1.2 Business Case



Set Force Check-In on Stage

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Tip #5

Quick Tip

When Setting Fields Don't Forget to force Check-In on the Stage

Project Check In Required

Choose whether this Workflow Stage requires the project to be checked in. If project checkin is required for the current workflow stage, the user cannot Submit the Project to Workflow without checking in the Project. This option is typically selected if any project updates occur in this Workflow Stage (which will be blocked if the project is not checked in).

☒ Project check in is required



Challenge:

Updating Stage Status for new and completed stages

All Workflow Stages

Workflow Stage status may not show current information until the project is either Submitted or the page is Refreshed.

| | Stage | State | Entry Date | Completion Date | Status Info |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| | Workflow Phase: 1 Initiation | | | | |
| ✓ | 1.1 Concept | Completed | 10/19/2014 10:21 PM | 1/19/2015 8:40 AM | When Concept is complete submit project to advance to Business Case |
| ➡ | 1.2 Business Case | In Progress (Waiting for Input) | 1/19/2015 8:40 AM | | When Business Case is complete submit project to advance to Initial Plan |



Setting Stage Status When Entering and Exiting Each Stage

Demo

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Tip #6

Set Stage Status When Entering and Exiting Each Stage

Stage: 1.1 Concept

If Project Web App starts the workflow normally or restarts the workflow and includes this stage

Set the current project stage status to WaitingForInput with status information : When Concept is complete submit proje...

then Wait for Event: When a project is submitted

then Set the current project stage status to None with status information : Concept Stage Completed

Transition to stage

Go to 1.2 Business Case



Challenge: Including Portfolio Selection as a Workflow Condition

ANALYSIS

OPTIONS

Define Properties

Prioritize Projects

Review Priorities

Analyze Cost

Scenario:
Baseline

Recalculate

Save As

Compare

Commit

Grid

Scatter Chart

View: Summary

Reload Constraint Values

Hide Metrics

Navigate

Portfolio Selection

Projects

Cost Limits

Total Project Cost

Totals

Projects Selected

Strategic Value

\$1,00

5

100%

Commit

Commit the current portfolio selection scenario. Project constraint data will not automatically be overwritten, but the selection decisions will be written to specific fields available in projects and project views. The scenario must be saved in order to commit.

Efficient Frontier | Strategic Alignment

Toptrax

Zimflex

100 %

Baseline



Including Portfolio Selection as a Workflow Condition

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Tip #7

Evaluate Optimizer / Planner Decision for 0 or 3

| Member name | Description |
|-------------|--|
| ForcedIn | Value = 0. Item is forced into the optimizer function regardless of other filters. |
| ForcedOut | Value = 1. Item is forced out of the optimizer function regardless of other filters. |
| Out | Value = 2. Item is not included in the optimizer function. |
| In | Value = 3. Item is included in the optimizer function. |

If Project Data:Optimizer Decision equals 0

Set Variable: PortfolioSelection to 1

[http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/office/microsoft.office.project.server.library.optimizer.committeddecisionresult_dipj14mref\(v=office.15\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/office/microsoft.office.project.server.library.optimizer.committeddecisionresult_dipj14mref(v=office.15).aspx)

Else

If Project Data:Optimizer Decision equals 3

Set Variable: PortfolioSelection to 1



Challenge: Including On Hold and Canceled Stages





Adding On Hold and Canceled Stages

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Tip #8

Quick Tip

Place On Hold and Canceled Stages at End of Workflow, Transition to End of Workflow

Stage: 4.3 On Hold

If Project Web App starts the workflow normally or restarts the workflow and includes this stage

Set the current project stage status to WorkflowProcessing with status information : Project On Hold

Transition to stage

Go to End of Workflow

Stage: 4.4 Canceled

If Project Web App starts the workflow normally or restarts the workflow and includes this stage

Set the current project stage status to WorkflowProcessing with status information : Project Canceled

Transition to stage

Go to End of Workflow



Challenge:

When Workflow is restarted it's not sipping to a particular Workflow Stage

Choose Workflow Stage to Skip to

This is the target Workflow Stage this workflow will try to skip to

Choose Workflow Stage:

- ☐ Skip until the current workflow stage
- ☒ Skip to a particular workflow stage:

3.1 Execution 



Include the Include this Stage Condition

Demo

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Tip #9

Quick Tip

Add the “Include this Stage” Condition to All Stages for Skip to Stage

Stage: 1.1 Concept

If Project Web App starts the workflow normally or restarts the workflow and includes this stage

(Start typing or use the Insert group on the Ribbon.)

Transition to stage

(Insert go-to actions with conditions for transitioning to the stage)




Challenge:

Prevent breaking an existing workflow

Stage: 1.1 Concept

(Start typing or use the Insert group on the Ribbon.)


Transition to stage

(Insert go-to actions with conditions for transitioning to the stage)  (Transition section cannot be empty. Insert a go-to action.)

Stage: 1.2 Business Case

(Start typing or use the Insert group on the Ribbon.)

Transition to stage

(Insert go-to actions with conditions for transitioning to the stage)  (Transition section cannot be empty. Insert a go-to action.)



Export to Visio

Demo

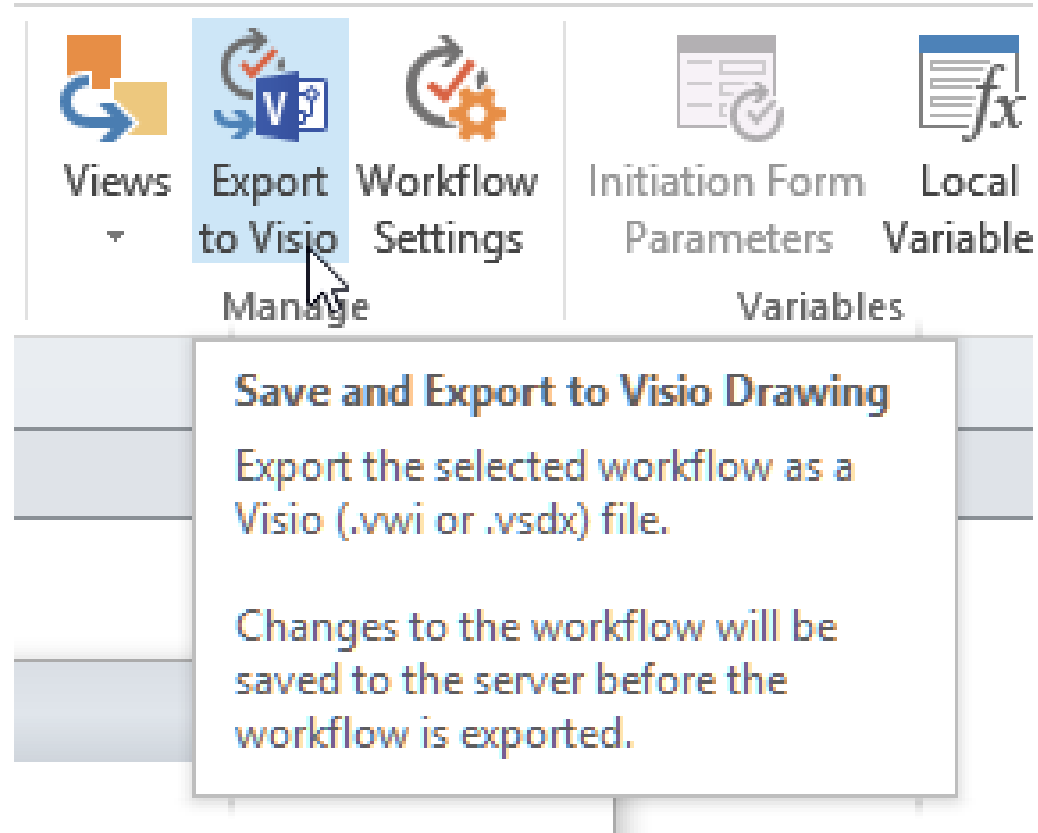
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Tip #10

Export to Visio Frequently for Backup!

Quick Tip






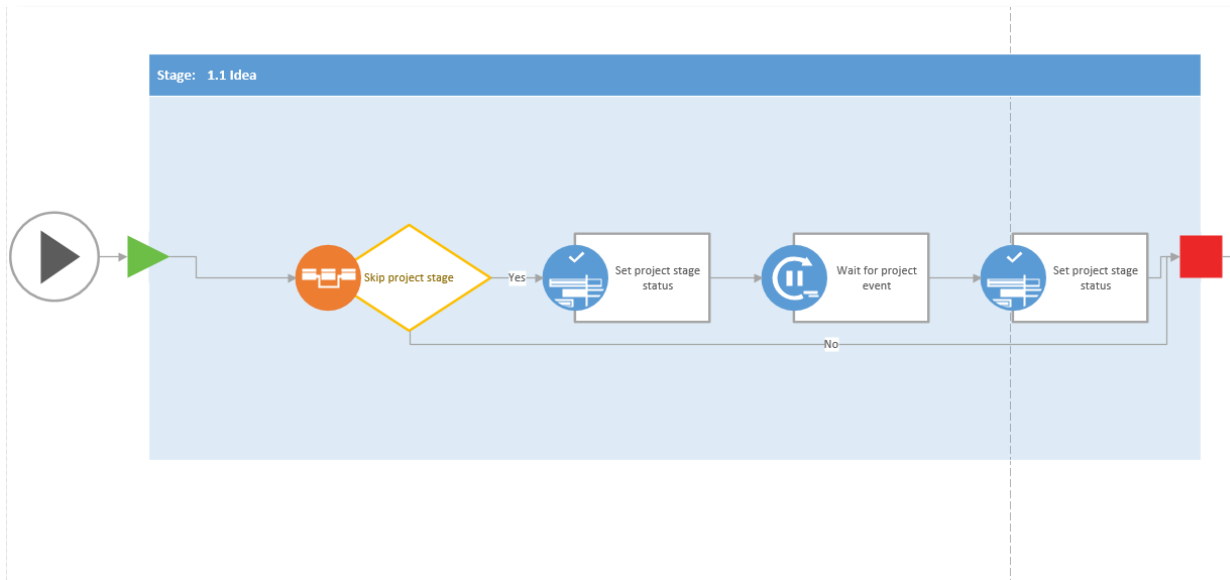
Review of Tips

Quick Tip

1. Follow a Workflow Implementation Process, outside of Production
2. Document the Workflow Design Before Building
3. Use a SharePoint List to Identify Email Addresses
4. Repeat Condition Sets for Email Notifications
5. When Setting Fields Don't Forget to force Check-In on the Stage
6. Set Stage Status When Entering and Exiting Each Stage
7. Evaluate Optimizer / Planner Decision for 0 or 3
8. Place On Hold and Canceled Stages at End of Workflow
9. Add the "Include this Stage" Condition to All Stages for Skip to Stage
10. Export to Visio Frequently for Backup!

Microsoft Project Workflow Toolkit

Email for a copy of the Microsoft Project Server Workflow Toolkit
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PPM Works developed this worksheet as part of the **PPM Works-flow Package**. This can be found in the PPM Works documentation.

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| Phases | Stages | Phase Description | Stage Description |
|------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| 1 Create | 1.1 Idea | Develop idea to business case. | Develop idea to business case. |
| 1 Create | 1.2 Proposal | | Develop idea to business case. |
| 1 Create | 1.3 Business Case | | Develop idea to business case. |
| 2 Select | 2.1 Portfolio Selection | Project selection and resource verification. | Portfolio selection and resource verification. |
| 2 Select | 2.2 Selected | | Selected for project. |
| 3 Plan | 3.1 Plan | Project Planning | Develop project plan. |
| 4 Manage | 4.1 Active | Project is In Progress | Project is In Progress. |
| 5 Close | 5.1 Closed | Project Closure | Project Closure. |
| 6 Canceled | 6.1 Cancelled | Project Cancellation | Project Cancellation. |

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4. Get LinkedIn with us
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