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Improving the reliability of Design Information for Procurement and Construction

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About Me

David Prangley-Managing Consultant, Adept Management

- ~20yrs in design and project management
- Experience across different sectors, industries and scales
- Particular focus on the management of complex inter-dependent processes such as design/engineering
- Passionate about improving the understanding of these processes
- Involved in developing the next generation of design, construction and project management professionals, incl. teaching on a number of MSc programmes.
- Father of a 2yr old



Where are we going

- A bit about us
- Why focus on Design / Engineering
- The Design / Engineering Process
- A Methodology for Reliability Case Study 1
- Further Case Studies
- What Next



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Our Story

- Industry / Academic Research (1990's)
- 1999 Quality in Construction Supreme Award for Innovation
- AML Established (2001)
- 1st Gen Tool Launched (2002) Plan Weaver
- 2nd Gen Tool Launched (2008) Adept Design Suite
- AMLUS Incorporated (2009)
- 3rd Gen Tool Launched (2018) Flow
- Continue to innovate and develop tools and services
- Continue to support academic teaching and research



Our Services









Our Experience





Why Design / Engineering?



Industry Data

Over the last ten years in the UK across all capital projects, big and small, **design & engineering work is as likely to be late as on time.***

The performance trendline over those 10yrs aligns with the performance of construction

This is not unique to the UK





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* Data from UK Industry Performance Report 2019 (UK Construction KPI's)



Project Data

Some specific examples;



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The Design / Engineering Process



Characteristics of Design / Engineering

- Design is an iterative process
- Driven by intangible information
- Can be highly complex
- Silo-based teams
- Usually broken into sub-problems
- Can involve many people
- Normally undertaken in stages
- Value of the information increases



Typical Design / Engineering Process



A real example





A real example







Planning Principles in Reverse





A Methodology for Reliability

Case Study 1 - Mixed Use Development, London



Project Characteristics

- Mixed Use Commercial Development
- Combination of Refurbishment and New Build
- 4 Main Plots
- 4 Different Architects
- Complex interfaces with shared plant spaces in existing basements
- Complex interfaces with existing Heritage assets
- Complication of existing tenants in place





Stage 1 - Define



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Stage 2 - Streamline





Stage 3 - Plan

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Key Design Delivery Milestone Health Check (One Month Lookahead)

Ref#	Key Design Delivery Milestone	Status (working days)	Target Date	Reported	Owner	Comment
	Approval of Form 3 Received - Ground Assessment & Monitoring Action Plan	Hitting by 10days	30-Nov-18	16-Nov-1B		Approval now covers Ground Assessment and MAP,
9	Completion of Stage 3 (excl. incorporating survey information) - Plot 1	Minung (by 7 days)	16-Nov-18	27-Nov-1B		are on target to achieve their revised target
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A Methodology for Reliability

Case Study 2 - IT Deployment Project, Europe



Project Characteristics

- Deployment of Oracle Fusion across of multi-national organisation
- Stakeholder managers, software integration developers and deployment professionals based in multiple continents
- Previous releases delivered under scope, late and over budget
- Complex integrations across departmental functions and embedded reporting tools
- Challenge of both Agile and Waterfall approaches to planning and management
- Time pressure imposed by switch off of existing payroll system!



Stage 1,2,3 – Define, Streamline, Plan

Overall Development / Deployment Process



Complex integrations within and across the different stages



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Case Study 3 – Infrastructure Programme, Los Angeles



Project Characteristics

- Complex programme for delivering an automated people mover system at a major US airport
- 11 different projects with complex integrations within and across projects
- Over 100 different resource roles being managed across the programme
- Pace of project in certain phases required daily checks on progress and impact of progress



Stage 1,2 – Define, Streamline





Stage 3,4 – Plan, Deliver



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Lessons Learned over the last 20 yrs

- A detailed design / engineering programme is not optional
- The design / engineering process is repeatable : define it and then re-use the process
- Building a culture of honesty, transparency and integrity in reporting is critical
- The solution develops with increasing certainty and diminishing flexibility
- Manage intangible information, not just tangible deliverables
- Recognise when assumptions are being made, and the risk they represent
- BIM still requires a process to be defined and managed
- 80% complete isn't good enough; that represents risk
- Procurement of specialist sub-contractors is a critical part of the design process
- The skills/tools we've developed are transferable across industries / sectors





What Next

A new community for all those involved in the leadership of the design process

Launching Q1 2020

Please contact me if you'd like to join us

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Any Questions

