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Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Rick Jerz](#) - Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 12:46 PM

Any comments about either the Excel Gantt Chart model and homework, or the MS Project homework? This can include your suggestions about improving the video or project. You can share your thoughts about the Rockfest video or the Rockfest event, too.

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Beth Cook](#) - Thursday, September 5, 2019, 2:49 PM

I was amazed by the ease of using MS Project. Professor Jerz video was extremely helpful for a first-time user. I am very surprised that I have never been asked to use this in another class, but it should be implemented in Introduction to Management. MS Project is nice because you can switch between the different charts and show the information you want. The Rockfest Project was a nice introduction to using MS Project. For the Hard Rock video, I had no idea that an event this large could/would use a simple Microsoft product like Project.

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Rick Jerz](#) - Thursday, September 5, 2019, 9:23 PM

Now you know, Paige. This will probably stick with you for the next, oh, 50-60 years. 😊

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**Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts**by [Jessica Hayes](#) - Saturday, September 7, 2019, 1:00 PM

Same here, I was just as surprised as to how easy it was to be able to type all the given information for the problems and let MS Project do the rest of the hard work for me by providing me with diagrams and start and finish times! Something I also found helpful was putting information into the Excel model and MS Project just to see the accuracy between the two applications!

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Same! It was easy to use, I would have thought it was going to be a lot harder. It was very interesting because the project was huge like you stated and there were multiple stages that needed to be done in order to go to the next stage. I felt like it was all over the place, but with using MS Project, you can consolidate it and the illustration makes it easier to follow.

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I agree, Paige. MS Project would have been helpful in Intro to Management. I remember a project we had last semester dealt with scheduling, and MS Project would have been useful for it. I was also surprised that MS Project worked well with large data sets. It seems like it is a very useful tool.

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I agree that it's surprising that more classes do not utilize this program, and Intro to Management seems like an ideal class to learn about MS Project. I vaguely remember learning about Gantt charts in Intro to Management so it seems like a natural fit. I was blown away at how simple it was to use.

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I thoroughly enjoyed working with the Excel and MS project homework problems! I did struggle a little to find the correct "critical tasks" since the duration measures were different for each problem (weeks, hours, etc.), but I was able to easily figure it out! MS project made it a lot easier to be able to visualize the connections between the different tasks when I would view it from the Network Diagram!

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You probably wouldn't realize this, Ekta, but that Excel Gantt Chart model was my most difficult Excel model to create!

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**Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts**by [Beth Cook](#) - Monday, September 9, 2019, 5:30 PM

With Excel, I found the bottom portion that said "for graphing" to be difficult to understand; eventually, I caught on, but at first I was lost. Also, my computer did not show the red or green on the time like Professor Jerz's presentation did. However, it worked on my graph which was more important. Ekta, did you have this same issue using Excel?

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Sometimes I will "hide" the intermediate calculations used for graphing behind the graph.

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I liked the Excel Gantt Chart specifically because of the red/green colors. It was more easy to visualize with a simple flow chart while I felt the MS Project was a bit more confusing because it had a lot of information on the actual flow chart itself, and it is a new program to me.

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I totally agree with what you said. MS Project is much easier than Excel Gantt Chart model to use. However, by looking at the formula in Excel, I think Excel model helps me more to understand how PERT and CPM works. Both two are user - friendly and we are able to read the information easily, especially, in Openproj, the project automatically lists all critical terms for us at the top.

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I found both programs similarly fair to use. I appreciated the video with step by step instructions for beginning users of MS Project as it was my first time. Personally, I liked the Excel Gantt Chart better because of its simplicity and ease of use for the homework. However, I would use MS Project in the workplace because it had so many features/add-ons for project management that would likely be needed in more real-world scenarios.

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Paige, I also thought the step by step instructions and problem walk-through was very helpful as it was also my first time being introduced to Microsoft Project. I think MS Project has much more to offer than just the basics we have learned about so far, so I am excited to play around with it more to see what other functions it can do for a business.

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Richard Becklinger](#) - Monday, September 16, 2019, 1:34 PM

This week's excel video helps me a lot. It is my first time to learn how to use MS Project and Excel Gantt Chart Model. I think MS project is user – friendly and it provides more visions. I really like how it expresses the critical term and non-C term by using the different colors which are easy to read. On OpenProj, all critical terms are listed at the top which is also nice. If it is possible, it is better to learn more about the function used in the Excel Gantt Chart model and I am interested in how this model is built.

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Brandon Miller](#) - Monday, September 16, 2019, 5:27 PM

I found both programs to be very user-friendly. The videos were a great resource to walk through the models and answer the questions I had. Instead of using MS Project I used OpenProj, which appeared to be very similar to MS Project. I was surprised by how easy it was to use and navigate. I think it is a great alternative to MS Project.

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Rick Jerz](#) - Monday, September 16, 2019, 6:08 PM

Yep, OpenProj is a great alternative, but it is not as powerful. Excel has some good products that compete with Excel, but none are as powerful (yet.)

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Harvey Ayala](#) - Monday, September 16, 2019, 7:07 PM

Once again, I found this Excel model to be extremely effective. It was interesting to see how increasing or decreasing the time of just one activity by one or two units can alter the entire project pretty significantly. The MS Project homework was a great way to jump right into using Microsoft Project and I feel pretty comfortable using it after completing the problems. It was cool to get to learn about Rockfest and then apply Microsoft Project to the activity data. It was interesting to see that Microsoft Project is used in the organization of real, large events like this.

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Mike Klimek](#) - Monday, September 16, 2019, 8:18 PM

I agree Mackenzie, I personally like Microsoft Project better due to how easy and yet, expansive this system can be. As you mentioned, from the Hard Rock video, I can see how a large organization can use this to plan their own projects. Yet, at the same time I am surprised! I would've thought a large organization would've had their own system, yet they are using a pretty simple and easy to use system!

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Scott Kajipuram](#) - Monday, September 16, 2019, 7:48 PM

I think it's obviously easy of doing the Excell Gantt Chart and hormework, the function and illustration make everything straightforward. My problem is getting the MS Project downloaded into either my working PC or private PC, due to the lack of disc burner in both of the computer. I should have look at this project earlier so I may get chance to fix this problem before the due date.

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Mike Klimek](#) - Monday, September 16, 2019, 8:14 PM

This homework and models were difficult to understand at first, but once problems that we would face were presented and the video walked us through how to find critical paths and other items, it became easier. I believe the reason I did not understand initially, was because I had never used this type of model or would ever think there would be such systems to be successful in project management. For example, I am familiar with Excel, but the Gnatt chart model was new information. I do believe Project in Microsoft Office was very helpful and much more user friendly. Funny, I had more trouble finding out how to download Microsoft Project from Azura than to actually use it AFTER Dr. Jerz video break down.

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Krishna Schmaltz](#) - Monday, September 16, 2019, 8:57 PM

I totally agree that these models were difficult at first. I just had really never been exposed to anything like this before. But, after watching the videos a few more times I started to understand them a bit more. I would say that I understood the Gantt Chart better than the MS Project. In the future I could see myself using the Gantt Chart in excel as I will be using that a lot in my future line of work. One thing I would like to do is go through MS Project a bit more to understand it. In the end, I found Gantt to be a bit more user friendly!

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Naga Venkata Hansen](#) - Monday, September 16, 2019, 8:25 PM

I really enjoyed learning about and using MS Project, I think it is a program that I would use more if I had learned about it earlier in life. I was a little worried that it was going to be a difficult program like MS Access, but I was very surprised by how easy the program is to use. The only complaint I had was that you had to reference the row instead of task name for precedents, but even that is nitpicking. I enjoyed the Rockfest video and how they gave specific examples with detail.

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Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts
by [Rick Jerz](#) - Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 10:32 AM

Good suggestion, Kyle, (for Microsoft). But realize the creative programming that would have to occur whenever someone changed the task name. I think that this is why Microsoft uses the row number.

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**Re: Ch03 Excel Gantt Chart and MS Project Homework Discussions - 2pts**by [Krishna Schmalz](#) - Monday, September 16, 2019, 8:54 PM

I thought that the Gantt Chart model was very unique and cool to learn about. To be honest I had no idea there was an application like this at all, and it was interesting to learn about and how its application to the world of operations management worked. MS project was also interesting to learn about as I had never heard about it before. I would say that it was a bit more confusing than the Gantt Chart model, but I can still see how it would be effective for a business for sure.

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