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Governance



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This poster summarizes the PRINCE2 governance process which is part of the organization theme.

The “project management structure” of PRINCE2 consists of four levels:

1

Corporate

This level is responsible for commissioning the project and for appointing the project executive. It sits outside of the project management team.



Corporate or Programme Management

Project Management Team

2

Directing (Project Board)

This level consists of the project board which is responsible for the overall direction and management of the project.



Senior User



Executive



Senior Supplier

3

Managing

At this level the project manager is responsible for the day to day management of the project.



Project Manager

4

Delivering

At this level the team managers and members are responsible for delivering the project's products.



Team Manager(s)
Optional Role

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The Project Management structure is different to the Project Management Team? What is the difference? The Project Management structure has four levels (corporate, directing, managing and delivering), the Project Management Team has only three (corporate, directing and managing). The corporate level sits outside the project management team, the directing level sits outside the project management team, the managing level sits inside the project management team, the delivering level sits inside the project management team.

The principle of managing by exception uses tolerances to determine when one layer of the project management structure should escalate to the next. These six types of tolerances are: time, cost, quality, scope, risk and benefits.

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