

# How to Eat the Elephant

*“e” Project Management  
Basics*

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# How to Eat the Elephant: “e” Project Management Basics

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An “e” project  
is like two  
projects  
in one:



So if an “e” project is “two projects in one,” what does that mean?



E-learning projects are made up of a whole bunch of areas (*defined below*)  
... and all of these cogs need to be carefully aligned.

Match the **items** mentioned in the session that can all cause  
the cogs  
to **falter**:

activities       considerations

people       resources

overrunning production times       elusive SMEs

scarcity of resources       ignored stakeholders



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Your Role as  
Project  
Manager:



Remember: we're making  
the assumption that  
you DON'T wear more  
hats than being a  
Project Manager!



The 6 Steps to Effective  
“e” Project Management

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remember  
your client!



training needs  
assessment



Your Goal as Project Manager:



budget review  
& plan



- of use \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_
- amount of \_\_\_\_\_
- desired level of \_\_\_\_\_

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- page turner**
- interactivity**
- audio / narration**
- assessment / quiz**
- workbook / projects**
- digital video**
- simulations**

"Interactivity Model" developed by Dr Steven Yacovelli (2008 Dec),  
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TYPE	RAPID	AVERAGE	HIGH-END	INTERNAL COSTS (EST)
ILT	22:1	_____ :1	82:1	\$ 5,934
Level 1	49:1	_____ :1	125:1	\$ 10,054
Level 2	127:1	_____ :1	267:1	\$ 18,583
Level 3	217:1	_____ :1	716:1	\$ 50,371

\* research by Chapman Alliance (2010), based on 249 learning developers

Your Goal as PM:



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instructional  
design



Your Goals as Project Manager:



graphic &  
technical  
development



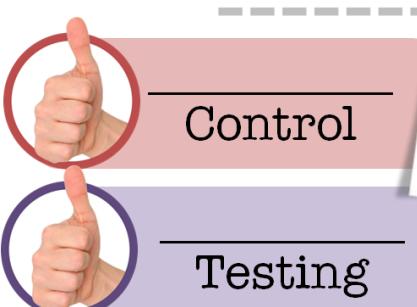
graphic artist/  
art director



technical  
consultant

make it "pretty"  
make it "real"

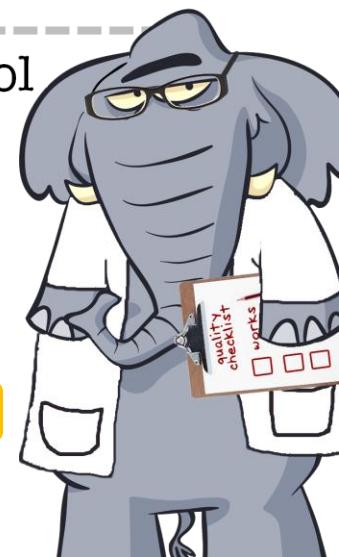
Your Goals as PM:



quality control/  
testing



quality control  
& reviews



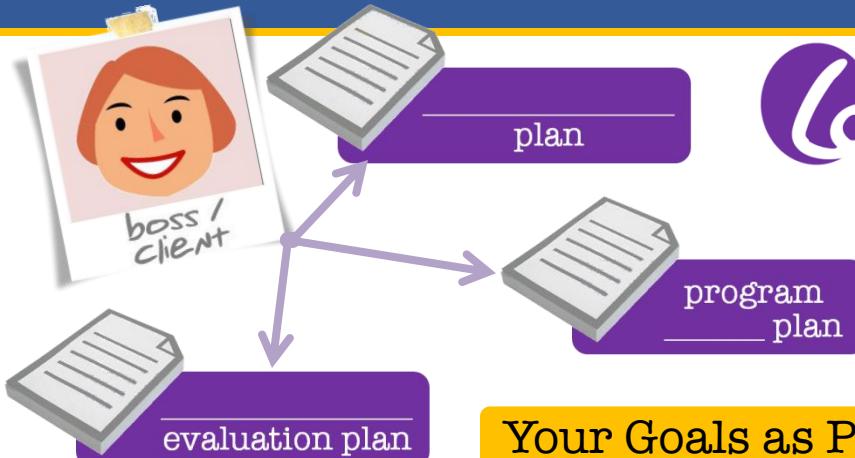
Your Goals as PM:



form **vs** function

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Your Goals as PM:



How long will your “e” project take?

“cushion”  
your plan  
with what  
percent  
of extra  
time?

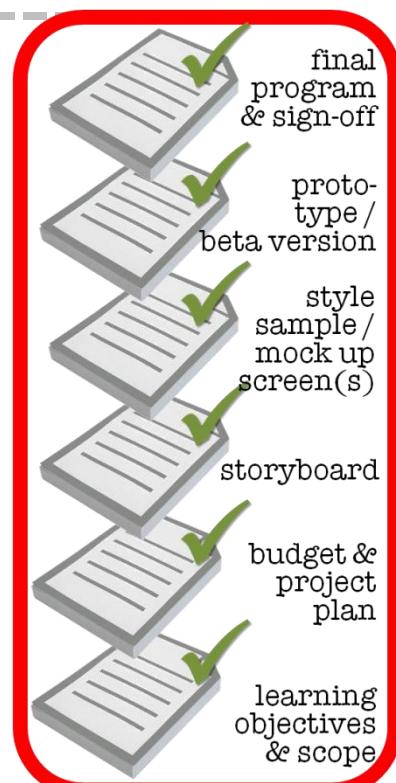


Remember  
the 3 C's:

C  
C  
C



2 Types of  
Feedback:



remember to include  
Key Milestones to your  
project (like these)