Project Approach Decision-Tree

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Choosing the right approach to managing your project will impact how smoothly it runs and efficiently resources are used, as well as increase the chances of success. Use this decision-tree to get an initial idea of what approach might work best for your project.

Are you clear on the specifics of what you want to achieve with this project and are these unlikely to change?

Yes, everything is clear.

No, things might change or evolve over time.

Does the project need to follow strict rules, regulations, or legal requirements?

Yes, we must follow strict rules.

No, we have flexibility but still need some planning.

Does the project involve many unknowns, for example testing ideas, exploring new technologies, uncovering what the final output should look like?

Yes, we need to experiment and refine as we go.

No, we generally know what we need but expect some changes.

Do you need to deliver small, useable pieces of the final project output over time rather than delivering in one go at the end?

Yes, we want to release things in stages.

No, we just need to refine things along the way.

Waterfall

Hybrid

Incremental

Iterative