

Preparation for the PMP Exam by John Davis, PMI

I created a study plan and spent about 140 hours preparing for the exam including the time spent in class. I set goals for each week and signed the PMP Certification Self-Contract on the first day of class.

I attended all of the Saturday classes and stayed for the lunch sessions.

I took all of the chapter tests in Rita's book and read the PMBOK twice and Rita's book twice. After reading the PMBOK chapter I read the corresponding chapter in Rita's book and took the chapter test from Rita's book. I only read a very small portion of Kim Heldman's book.

Initially, I followed the emails on the Yahoo PMP website and decided that following all of the emails was too much information, so I focused on the PMBOK and Rita's book and what was presented in class.

The first time I took the exams I scored between 60 % and 70 % so when I was finished completely reading both books one-time, I re-read the chapters and took each exam a second time. I also studied the questions that I missed the first time I took the test.

I took the tests on the Heldman CD but they did not follow the same chapters as the PMBOK and Rita's book so I did not do as well on the CD questions until I finished reading all the chapters.

I attended 3 of Mike Graupner's study sessions during the week.

I took all of Rita's chapter tests twice and a couple I took three times until I scored above 80 % on the tests.

I took all of the CD tests twice until I scored above 80 % on the exams. A couple of the CD tests I took three times to get above 80 %.

I did not study any on the day before the exam and I only reviewed my brain dump the morning before starting the exam.

Do not wait too long to take the test. I took the test four days after completing the class and I passed the first time. I scored over 80 % on the exam and I am now a PMP.

PMP exam – memory dump by John Davi

$$CV = EV - AC$$

$$SV = EV - PV$$

$$CPI = EV / AC > 1 \text{ is good}$$

$$SPI = EV / PV$$

$$EAC = AC + ETC$$

$$EAC = AC + (BAC - EV)$$

$$EAC = AC + ((BAC - EV) / CPI)$$

**Flawed
Atypical
will continue**

$$\text{Communications } N(N - 1) / 2$$

$$1 \text{ sigma } 68.27$$

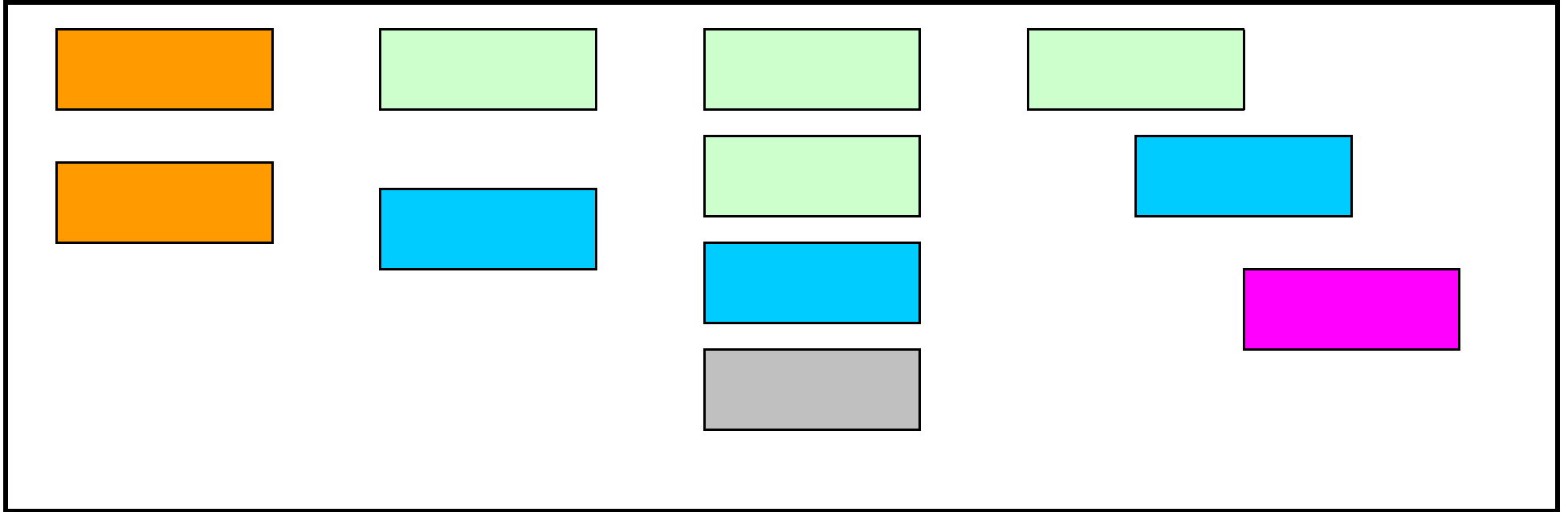
$$2 \text{ sigma } 95.45$$

$$3 \text{ sigma } 99.73$$

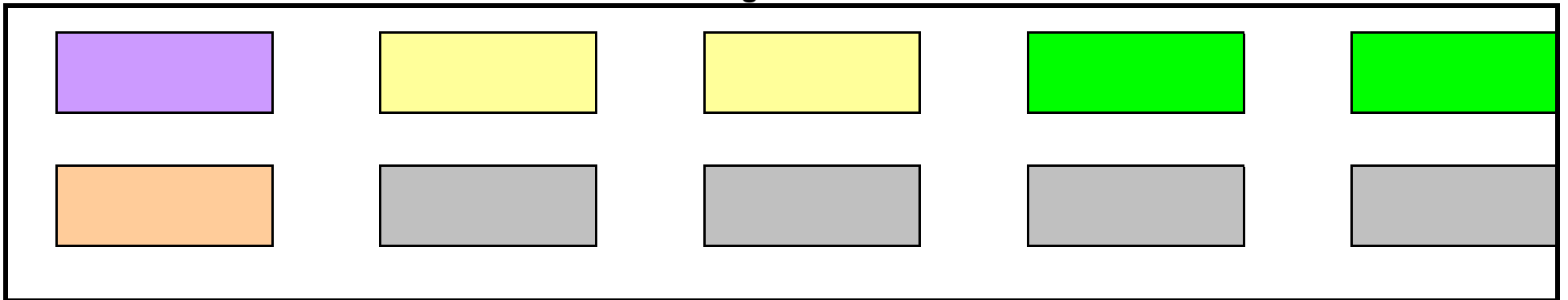
$$\text{PERT } \frac{O + 4ML + P}{6}$$

$$\text{Standard Dev } \frac{P - O}{6}$$

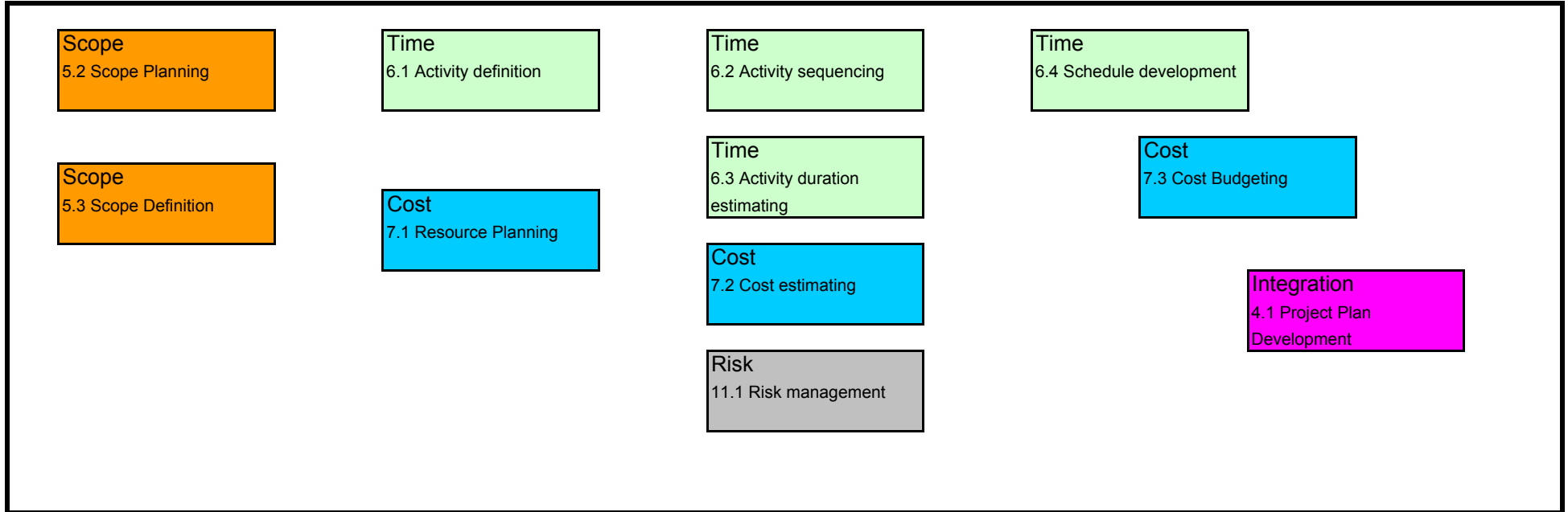
Core Processes



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