



Is Your Project at Risk?

A 60 Second Assessment for IT, Marketing and Webmasters

At Cognetics Corporation we have found that the factors below can make or break a project. This simple quiz is designed to help you identify risk factors that apply to your projects. If your overall rating for a project is lower than 50, there is a good chance that the project may be headed for trouble. Even if you have a high overall score, take a careful look at factors you rate with a five or less. For over 22 years, we have helped clients wrestle with the human aspects of technology projects. Call us for more ideas that work.

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| 1. All the stakeholders share a clear, common vision of the product and its business goals. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |
| 2. The organization has realistic expectations for what this project will deliver. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |
| 3. There is an executive sponsor committed to the project and a realistic budget. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |
| 4. Key staff has adequate time to dedicate to the project and the schedule is realistic. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |
| 5. The team has a working understanding of the strategy, the business issues involved and the work processes affected. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |
| 6. The team has adequate technical expertise to make good technical decisions and evaluate alternatives. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |
| 7. The team expects to work closely with the end-users of the product and use their input to maximize usability. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |
| 8. There is adequate time for up-front planning and design. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |
| 9. There is adequate time for testing. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |
| 10. There are clear and sensible milestones in the project plan. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |
| 11. The participants agree on how decisions will be made and how differences will be resolved. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |
| 12. Business and technology team members share accountability for the project. | Agree | Disagree |
| | 7...6...5...4...3...2...1 | |