



Clarify Constraints and Your Critical Path



Eliminate Constraints to Your Project's Success

Look at all the task in your dependency tree

- Which tasks pose the largest constraint on your success? For instance:
 - Time required
 - Risk of failure or other uncertainty
 - Scope-limiting resource and effort requirements
- What might you do to reduce or eliminate those constraints?
- How might you accelerate or extend your impact by eliminating those constraints?

Critical Path Analysis

“Estimate the time required to do each task. Add up all the sequential times to your goal to see which path will take longest.

The longest path through these sequential items is your critical path; the path that you must follow as quickly as possible to your goal. Highlight the lines connecting those items on the critical path to make it quite obvious (on your dependency tree). “

See Chapter 10 in Humane Leadership

Critical Path and Constraint Leadership

Once you identify your constraints and critical path in your project, lead to improve performance on your project

- Clearly identifying and leading the team to de risk the critical path creates success
- Focus your best resources on quickly derisking these tasks as early as possible
- Eliminating constraints can multiply your impact with minimal extra effort

Much more constraints and their elimination in the important book, [The Goal, Goldratt](#)

