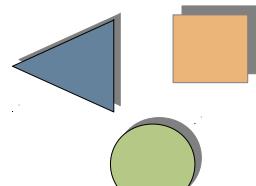


11. Self Management

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- 1) Time and task management
- 2) Goal management
- 3) Project management
- 4) Exam management



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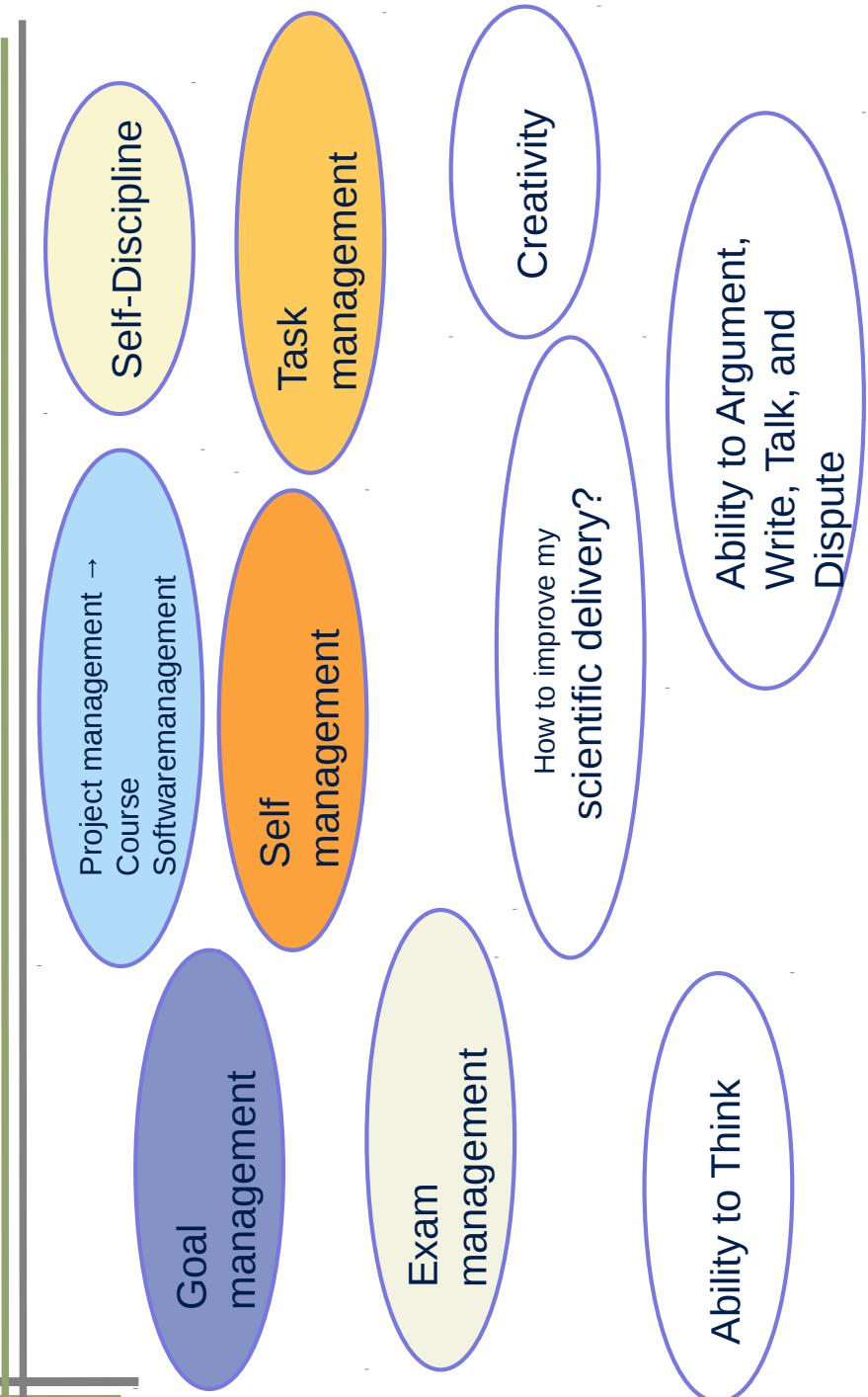


„Verlassen Sie die Tastatur, um hartnäckige Probleme zu lösen.“
Andy Hunt

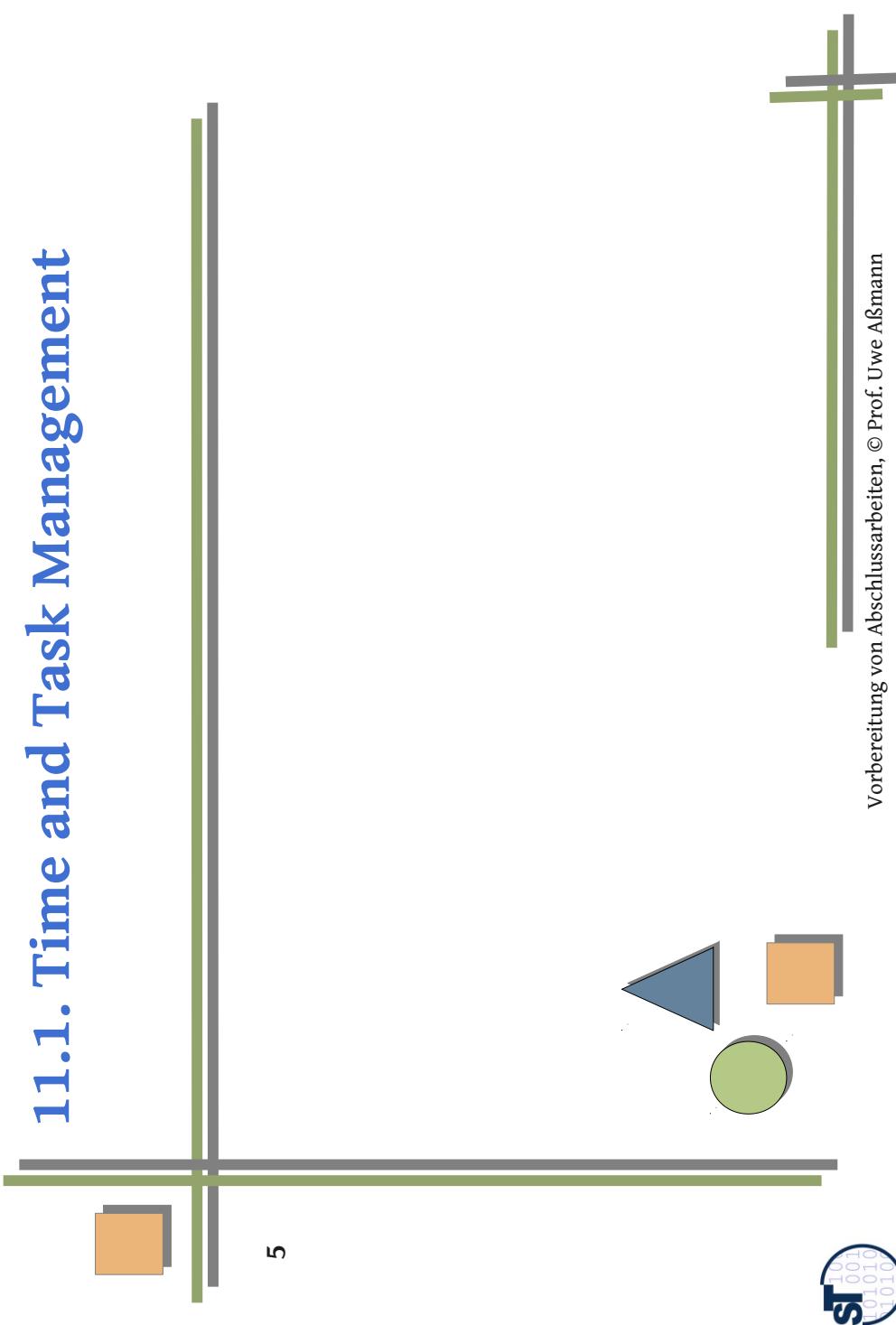
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Self management means to manage the self-project

Aspects of Scientific Working



11.1. Time and Task Management



Task Management with ALPEN-Method

- A Aufgaben** (Analyze and list tasks)
- L Length of tasks**
- P Pufferzeiten** (Buffer) planning
- E Entscheidungen** (decisions) about priorities
(e.g., with Eisenhower portfolio)
- N Nachkontrolle** (check)

Eisenhower Portfolio Diagram for Organizing Tasks, Separating Important and Urgent Tasks

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	Nicht dringend	Dringend
Wichtig	<p><i>Tätigkeiten</i> Langfristige Projekte, Prüfungen, Persönlichkeitsentwicklung, Erholung, Networking</p> <p><i>Empfehlungen</i> Konsequent planen und vorbereiten</p>	<p><i>Tätigkeiten</i> Projekte kurz vor der Deadline, Krise, Notfall</p> <p><i>Empfehlungen</i> Sorgfältig und möglichst ohne Zeitdruck kurzfristig bearbeiten</p>
Nicht wichtig	<p><i>Tätigkeiten</i> Triviales, manche Post, Gefälligkeiten, Geschäftigkeiten</p> <p><i>Empfehlungen</i> Abstand nehmen, Nein sagen, wegwerfen</p>	<p><i>Tätigkeiten</i> Störungen: Telefon, Besucher, Tagesgeschäft</p> <p><i>Empfehlungen</i> Rationell und zügig erledigen</p>

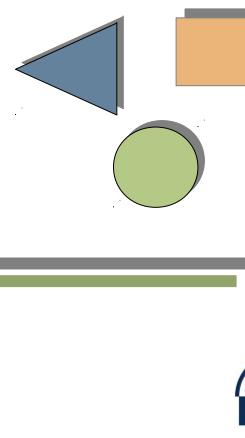
- ▶ Use these two categories for classifying email



11.2. Goal Management

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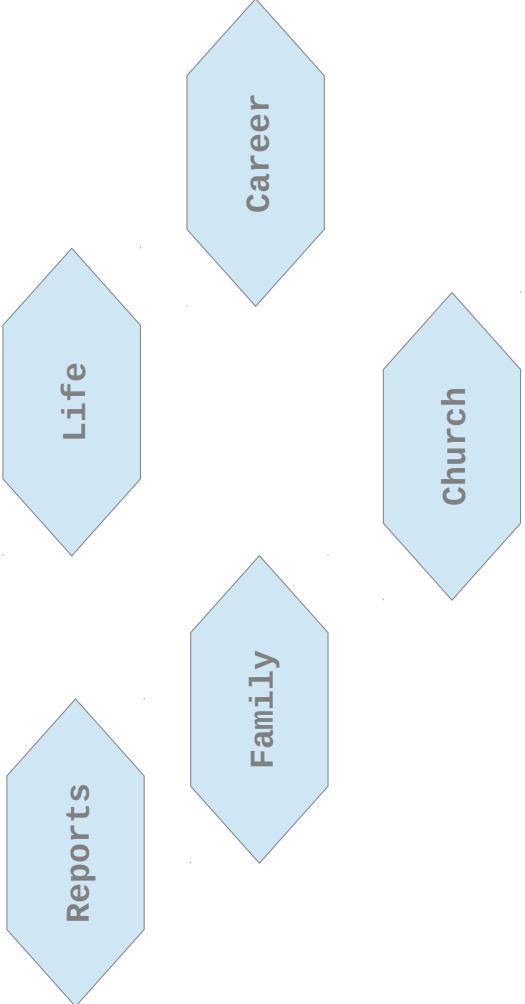
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Goal Analysis

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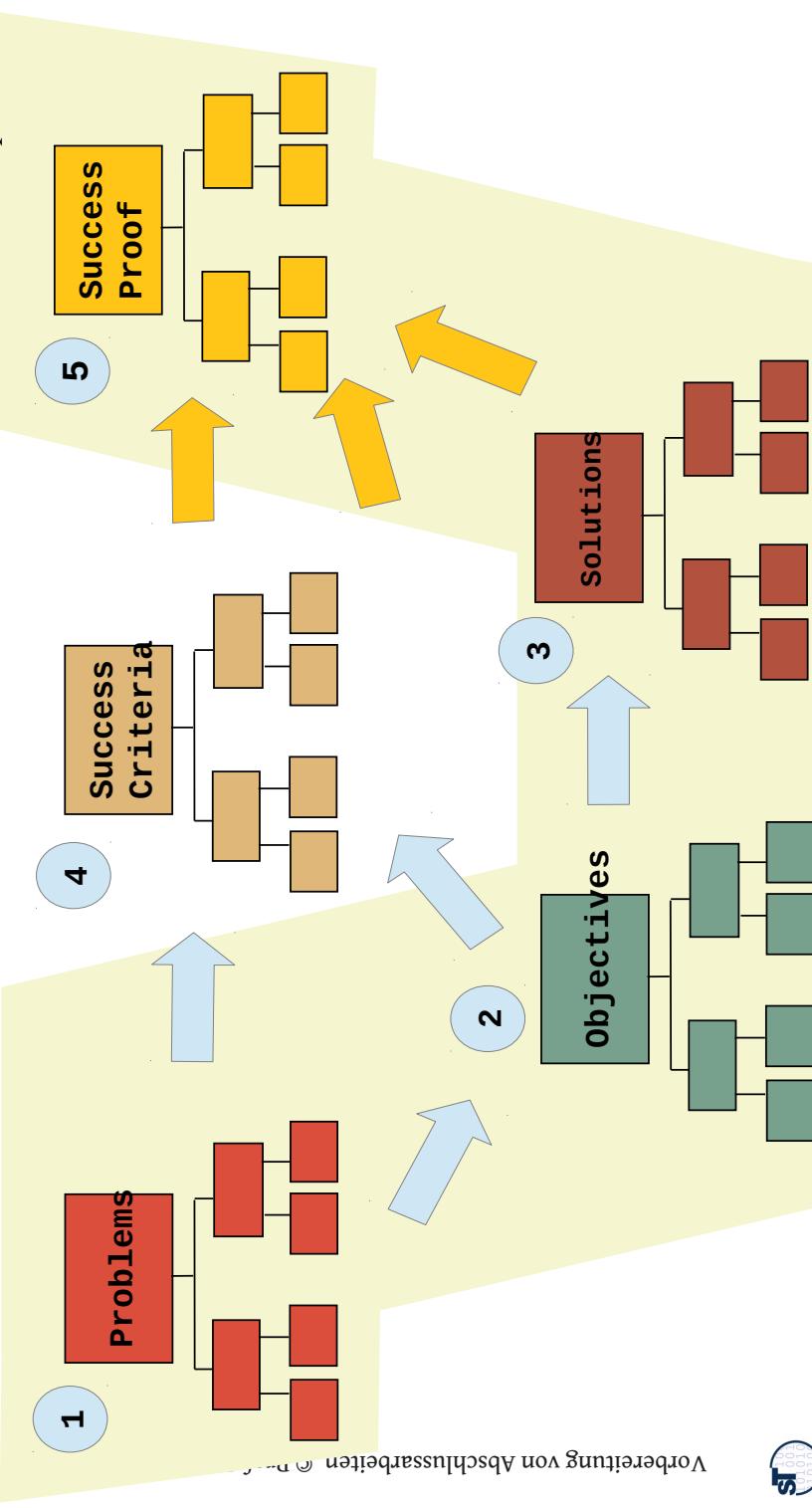
- ▶ Goals for yourself or any kind of project you do must be set pretty clear.
- ▶ Use ZOPP or PROLOSS to define
 - a set of problems you solve
 - a set of goals
 - a set of success criteria



Problem and Goal Analysis POPP/ZOPP

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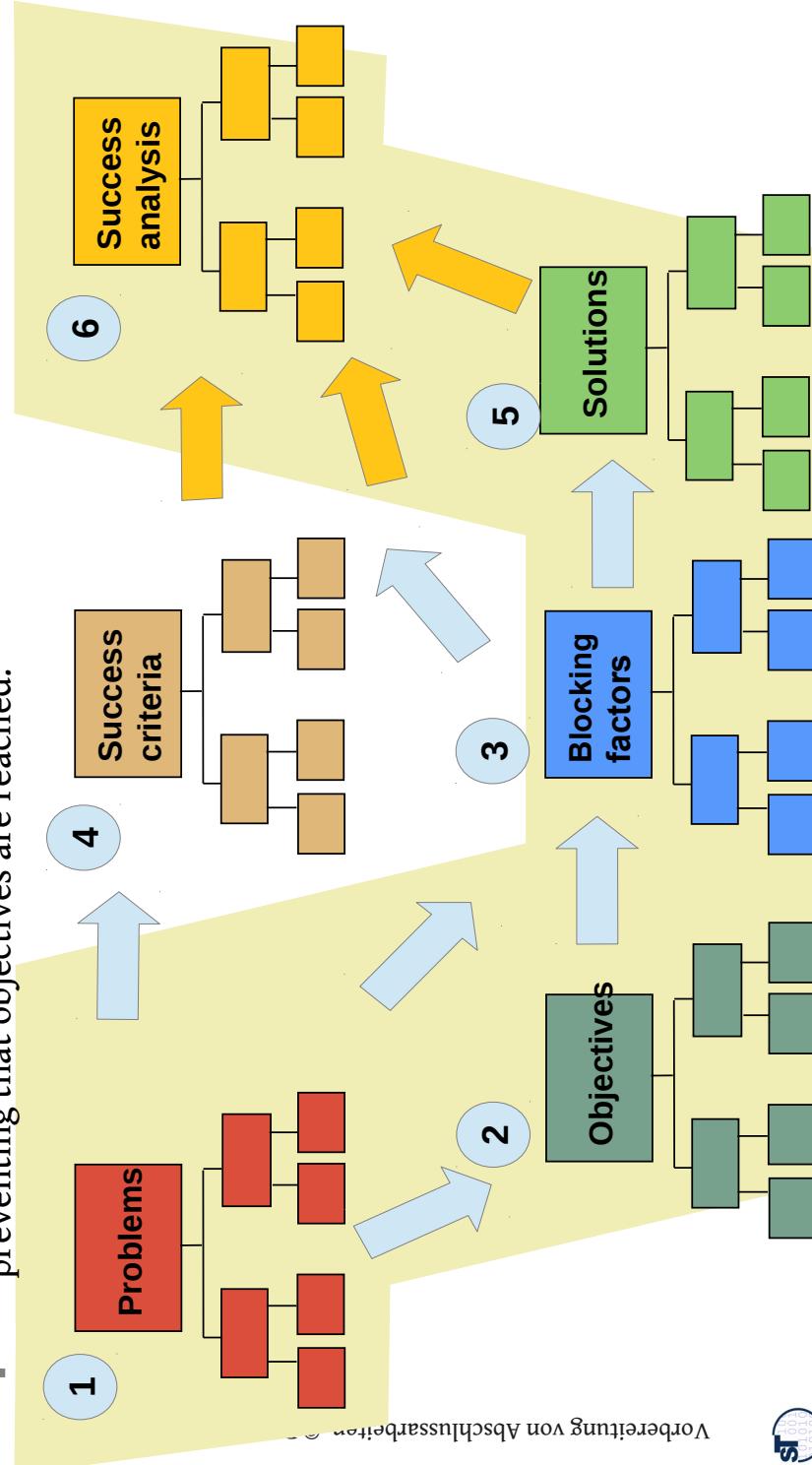
- ▶ POPP (ZOPP) is a hierarchical goal-oriented problem-solving method with success proof:
 - With a set of success criteria, it is checked whether the solution solves the problem



Problem and Goal Analysis PROBLOSS

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- PROBLOSS is a ZOPP-like problem and efficiency analysis that checks *blocking factors* preventing that objectives are reached.



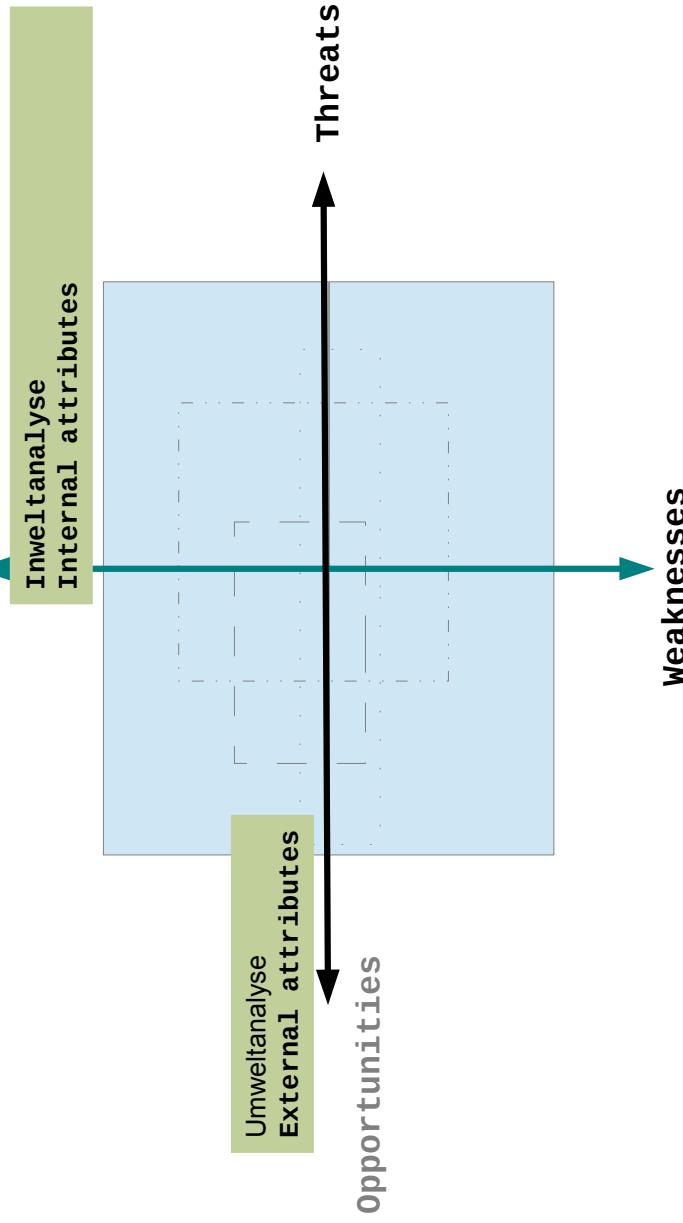
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For Your Research

- For all kinds of research
 - Bachelor, Master, PhD thesis
 - Research paper
 - Essay
- Do a ZOPP or a PROBLOSS and refine it over all the duration of the research
 - Reasons:
 - Goal analysis helps to think
 - Hierarchical goal analysis helps to focus on the more important issues
 - If you do not solve a real problem, your research is not relevant
 - If your decomposition of the problem is good, you may say something about the solution's coverage of the problem:
 - Did I forget to solve a subproblem or are all problems solved? How complete is the solution?
 - Usually a good ZOPP or PROBLOSS gives you an introduction for free: just write a paragraph or a section on each of the steps
 - In particular, the research contributions (*research results*) become very clear.

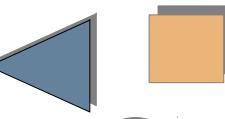
Strategic Goal Analysis

- Use SWOT to think about yourself: what are your strong points? what are your weak points? which opportunities are around you? which threats? How do they combine with your internal attributes?



11.3. Project Management

Much more in course
"Software Management"

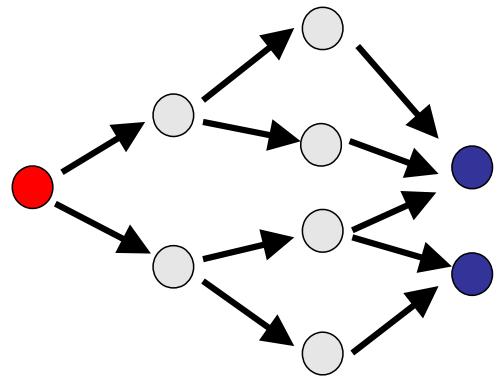


Dependency Graph of Activities

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- Activities have attributes and dependencies:
 - begin, end date
 - consumption of resources

Start Task



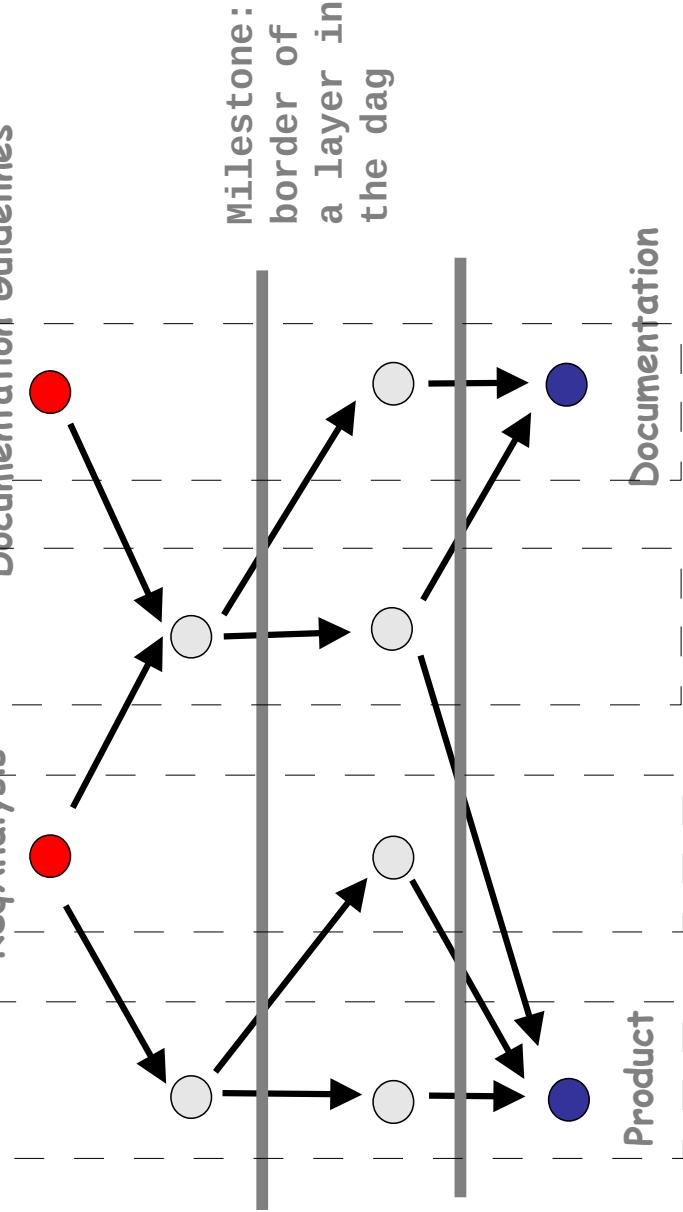
Final Tasks

Dependency Graph with Milestones and Swimlanes

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- Product
- User
- Test
- Understandability

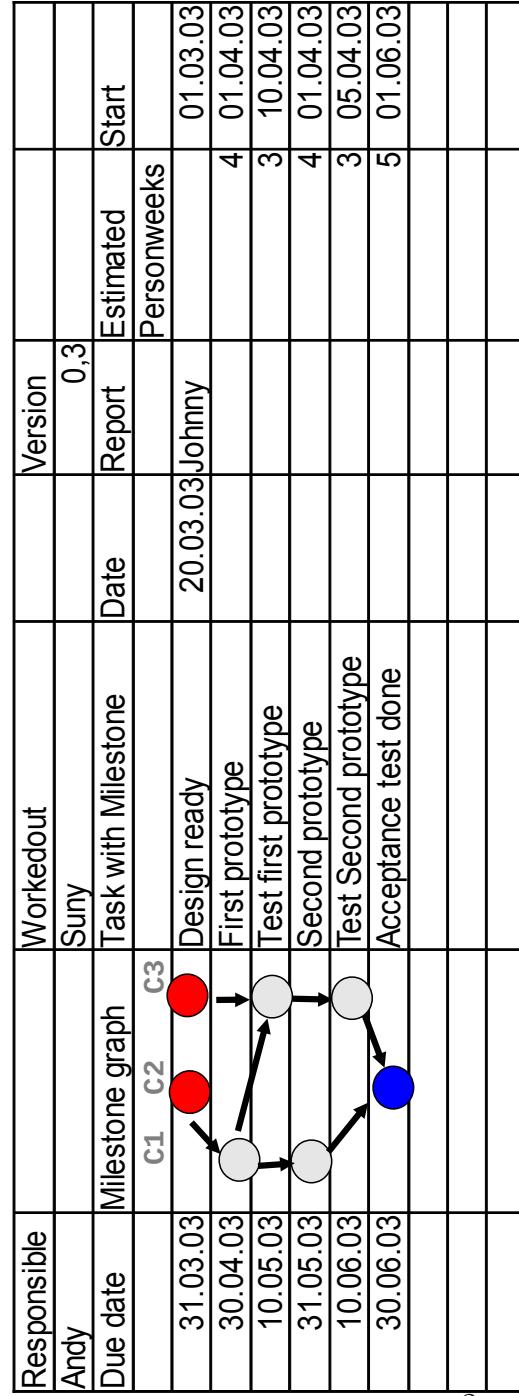
Documentation Guidelines



Task List and Milestone Graph Integrated (Vorgangsliste)

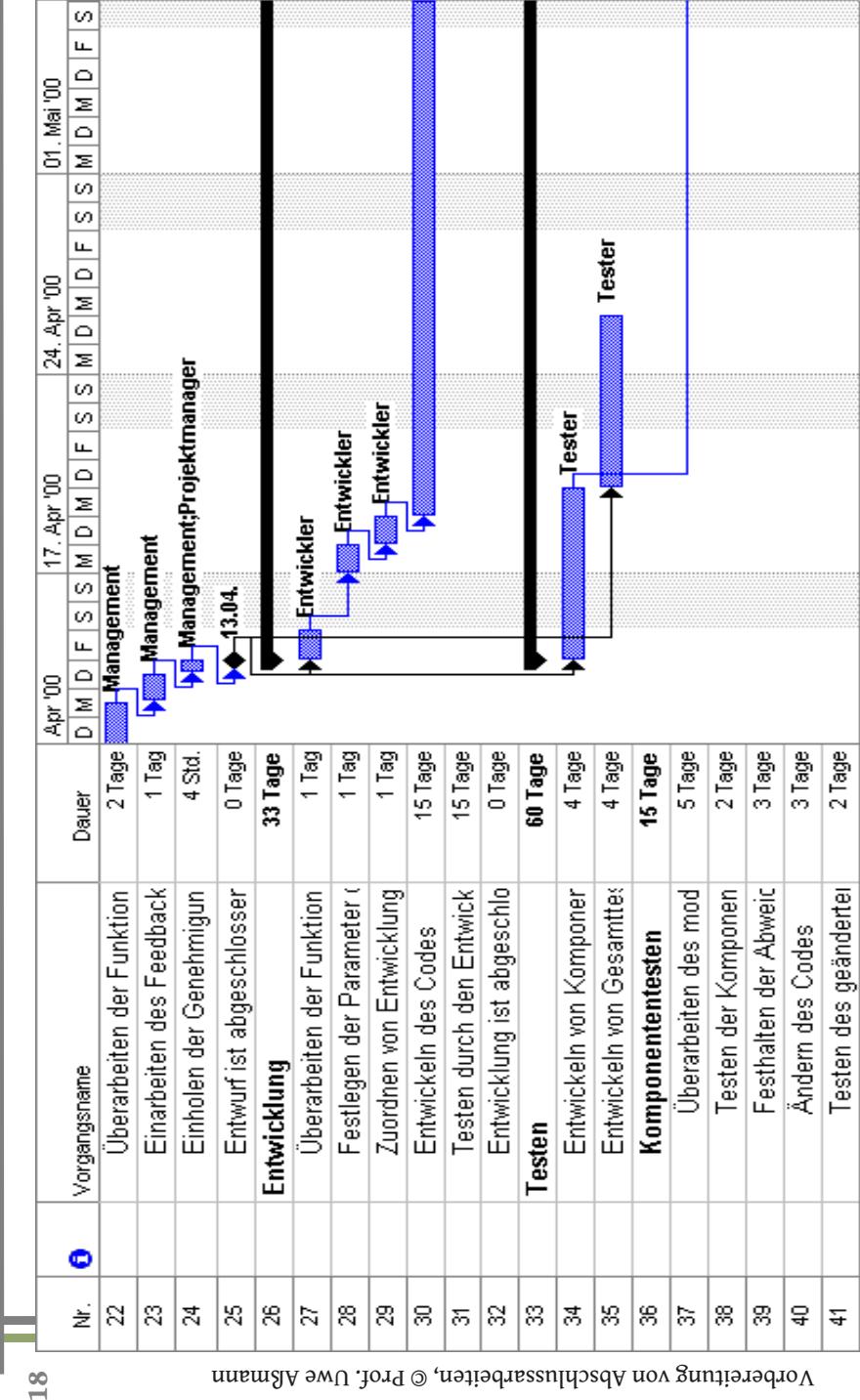
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- Activity list can be put up in Excel, Calc, or MS Project



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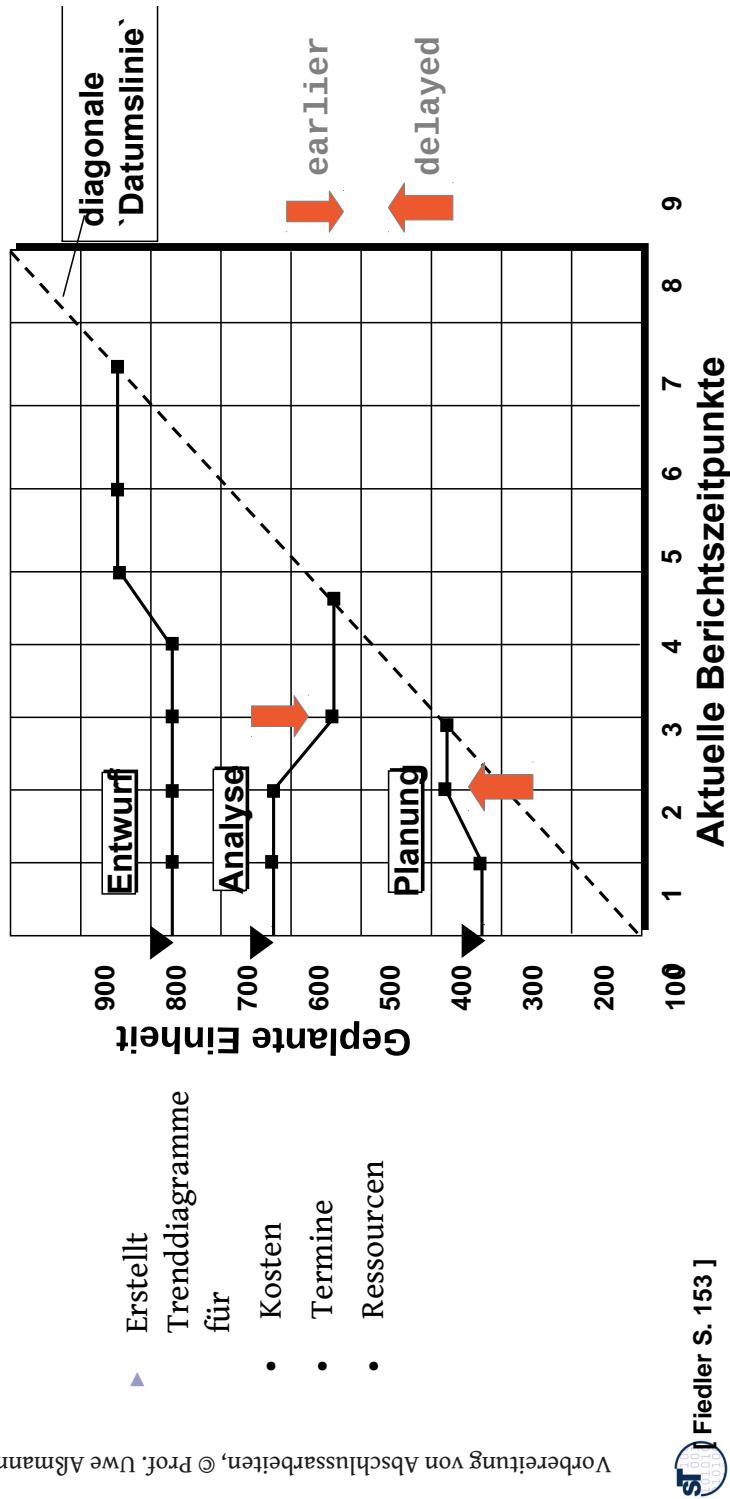
GANTT Chart in MS Project



Project Controlling with Trend Diagram

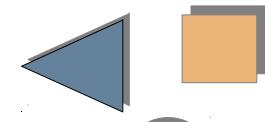
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- Das **Trenddiagramm** erlaubt einen Vergleich von IST - SOLL über alle Berichtszeitpunkte hinweg
 - Horizontal laufende Pfade für Verfolgung von speziellen Aktivitäten
 - Auf diagonaler **Datumslinie** sind die geplanten Einheiten gleich den geschätzten aus der aktueller Berichterstattung



11.4. Exam Management

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for oral and written exams

Do's for Oral Exams

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- ▶ For an exam about a course with n SWS, reserve n weeks to learn.
- ▶ Try to learn continuously along the lectures.
- ▶ Produce clusters of the whole course (yes, or mindmaps)
- ▶ Find at least one friend as a learn mate; invite people for coffee
- ▶ Exercise a dialogue with the friend: “You are a project leader in a company. Your friend is a newbie in your team and asks stupid questions. Answer them, explain him as good as you can.”
- ▶ After a while, change roles (“pair training”)
- ▶ There are three types of questions in an oral exam:
 - Survey questions: Tell about a subject as good as you can, with precise definitions, clear sentences, quickly.
 - Detail questions: If you don't know the answer, don't be desparate because they won't fail you, but degrade your mark somehow.
 - Transfer questions: They check if you can transfer a part of the course to an unknown problem or example.
- ▶ Cross-lecture questions: They check whether you can see cross-connections between the courses of a complex exam.
- ▶ The latter two are difficult and if they go well, it looks like a very good exam.



Blooms Taxonomy of Learning Levels

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- ▶ [Wikipedia, Lernziele] Bloom defined 6 levels of knowlewiege:
 - **Apprenticeship (Lehrlingsschafft)**
 - **Kenntnisse / Wissen:** Kenntnisse konkreter Einzelheiten wie Begriffe, Definitionen, Fakten, Daten, Regeln, Gesetzmäßigkeiten, Theorien, Merkmalen, Kriterien, Abläufen; Lernende können Wissen abrufen und wiedergeben.
 - **Verstehen:** Lernende können Sachverhalt mit eigenen Worten erklären oder zusammenfassen; können Beispiele anführen, Zusammenhänge verstehen; können Aufgabenstellungen interpretieren.
 - **Journeyman level (Gesellenschafft)**
 - **Apply/Anwenden:** Transfer des Wissens, problemlösend; Lernende können das Gelernte in neuen Situationen anwenden und unaufgefordert Abstraktionen verwenden oder abstrahieren.
 - **Analysis/Analyse:** Lernende können ein Problem in einzelne Teile zerlegen und so die Struktur des Problems verstehen; sie können Widersprüche aufdecken, Zusammenhänge erkennen und Folgerungen ableiten, und zwischen Fakten und Interpretationen unterscheiden.
 - **Synthesis/Synthese:** Lernende können aus mehreren Elementen eine neue Struktur aufbauen oder eine neue Bedeutung erschaffen, können neue Lösungswege vorschlagen, neue Schemata entwerfen oder begründete Hypothesen entwerfen.
 - **Master level (Meisterschaft)**
 - **Beurteilung:** Lernende können den Wert von Ideen und Materialien beurteilen und können damit Alternativen gegeneinander abwägen, auswählen, Entschlüsse fassen und begründen, und bewusst Wissen zu anderen transferieren, z. B. durch Arbeitspläne.



Learning to Learn 8 Hours a Day

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- ▶ Get up early.
 - Buy a wake up clock with a incredible sound (so that your sleep is really disturbed)
 - Position it at the other end of your room (so that you have to get out of bed to switch it off).
 - Be honest, everything else fails. (I was a student myself).
- ▶ Every 2 hours, walk outside for 10 minutes.
- ▶ Use self-rewarding:
 - Employ a microwave after 22:00 to reward yourself. Cook vegetables.
 - Do not use beer :-), you will need a lot and it makes you fat.
 - Plan a travel after the exam, e.g., to Alsace in autumn to drink wine in the wine harvest.



Dangers for Focussing

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- ▶ “Relax coding” (Entspannungscodeln)
 - Programmers start to program “scripts” under pressure, to do something interesting
- ▶ Gaming: Role-games allow to escape reality, but **reality bites**



Positive Rewards for Hard Work

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Every day:

- ▶ Get fresh air
 - ▶ Jogging, swimming in the morning
 - ▶ Do something nice after 20:00 in the evening, get away from the PC
- Over the weekend:
- ▶ Visit a friend over the weekend
 - ▶ Visit another area of Germany and visit musea, music concerts, (do something completely different)
 - ▶ Walk, hike, or bike in the Saxonian Switzerland or along the Elbe



The End

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