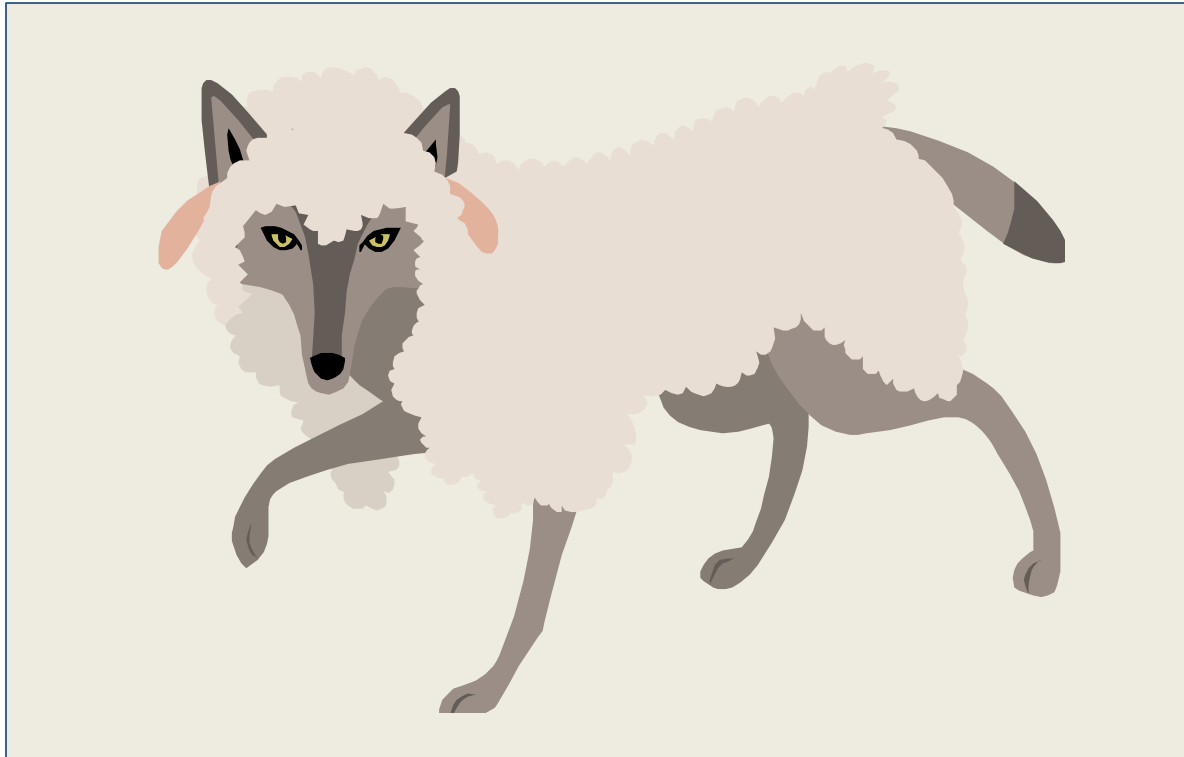


Project Management Cameos - 10. Scope Creep may be fatal!



Scope Management

Which animal in the picture? It seems a lamb, but it's a wolf!

When you discover the truth, it's too late: the wolf has torn to pieces the flock. Creep means a slow mode of locomotion (on hands and knees or dragging the body). Creep is moving stealthily inside.

Scope Creep means adding features and functionalities to the project scope, without addressing the overall effect on time, costs, risks. Creep entails no sound evaluation and no formal approval. Some scope changes might be cheap and easy to implement but they might jeopardize the overall performance of the system to be delivered a week from now. Scope Creep is stealth and fatal: **so pay attention and protect your lamb (oops!, project).**