

Project Management Cameos - 4. Gold Plating



Project Scope Management

Gold Plating is a method of depositing a thin layer of gold onto the surface of another cheaper material, by chemical or electrochemical means.

Speaking about projects, Gold Plating means intentionally adding **extra features or functions** not requested and not included in the scope statement, with no additional cost to the customer. Gold Plating makes the **deliverables more expensive** by plating them in gold, but **without a real added value**, with an increased risk in delivering core deliverables.

Gold Plating is a **good intention** that leads to **project failure!**