

Make Goals Explicit

State your goals here so that you may keep sight of them as you list possible future failures.

What's The Plan?

Write out your plan from now till when the project is complete. This is not your final solution, but the plan to find a solution.

Scenarios of Failure

Imagine as if your project has already failed: What went wrong? List as many scenarios as you can think of.

Avoiding Failure

What could have been done to avoid the failures in you previous scenarios? How might you use this to redesign your current plan to avoid the possibility of those failures?

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Why

Explicitly listing ways in which your project could fail will help you create a stronger plan to potentially avoid those problems in the future.

What came before?

Project Definition

What's next?

Task Assignment
Assumption Map

Initial Research Plan
Domain Research

Mood Board
Visual Problem Map

Tips

When considering failures, think about different stakeholders, and what would happen if each of their needs are not met. Think about how each of their needs might not be met.

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