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PLANNING AND SCOPING ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE PROJECTS

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Mitigate against Enterprise Project Failure by Engaging in a Planning and Scoping project before you commit to an Implementation

According to analyst firm Gartner 75% of Enterprise Software projects fail. They do not meet the project objectives, run over time and budget and fail to provide the projected return on investment.

For this reason organisations spend around 3 to 4 months on average, analysing solutions and implementers against requirements in order to select the best fit solution for their needs. However, an independent study by Vason Bourne of Enterprise Software decision makers found that, even after going through a selection project less than 25% were confident in their choice once implementation began, with more than half the respondents believing that the implementers were not transparent about system costs, functionality and resourcing requirements. The result is to an over run on budget and timelines during implementation.

But can you really put all the blame on the implementer? Many organisations lock themselves into implementation contracts without providing the implementer enough time and information to fully understand their requirements and properly cost solutions during selection. However, it makes no sense to give this information to all implementers in selection or to all shortlisted implementers and few implementers will commit that much effort during selection without a commitment to purchase their software, over others. It is not an ideal position for either party.

So what can be done to set realistic expectations and mitigate against the risk of project failure before signing an implementation project?

At Solution Minds we have helped clients by guiding them through a Planning and Scoping Phase with the preferred vendor after selection and before implementation.

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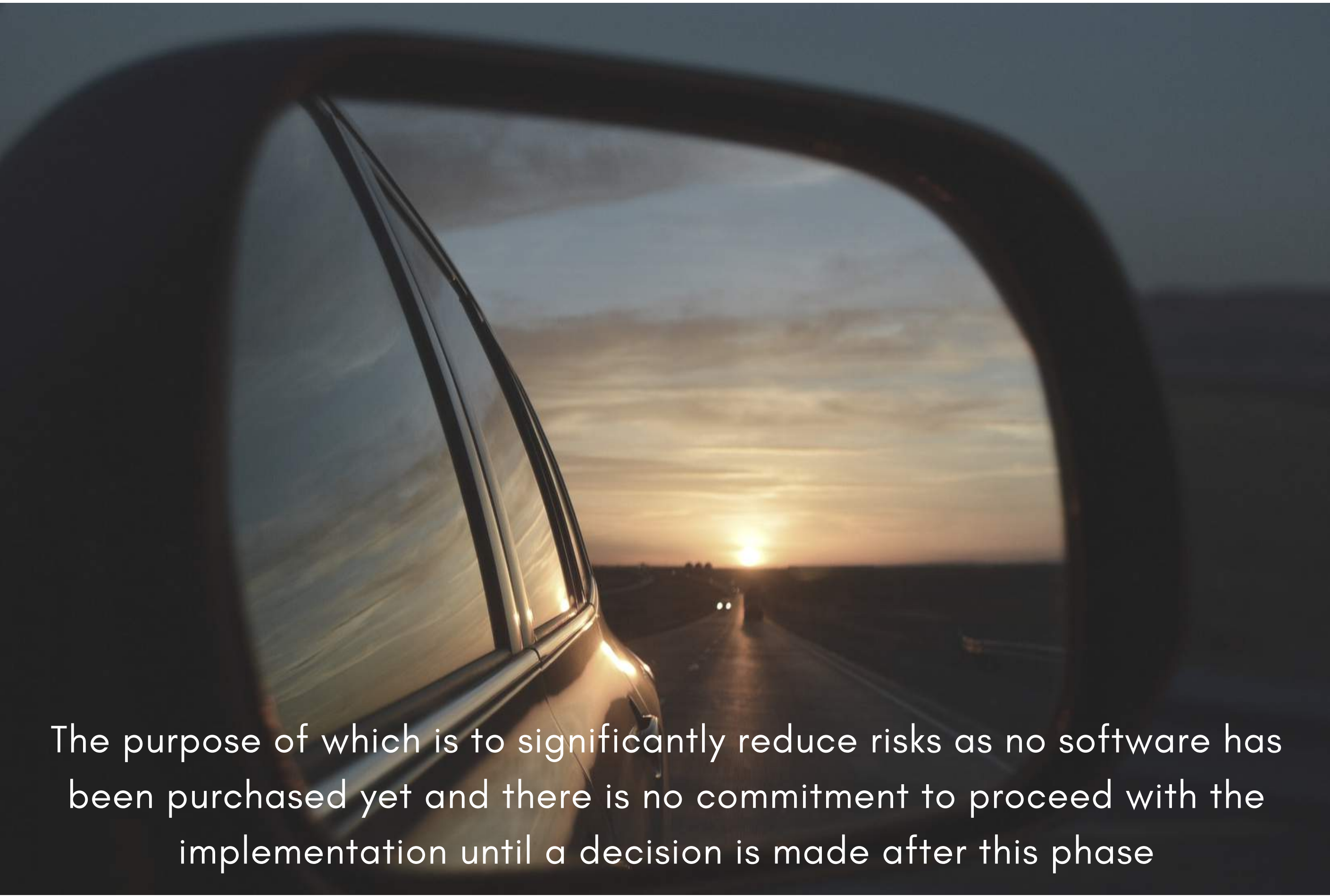
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What is Planning and Scoping and Why is it Important to your Project?

Planning and Scoping is a critical phase, immediately after Selection and before Implementation. The preferred Implementer is engaged for 2-8 weeks on a services only contract to conduct detailed scoping with your SME's/Users to understand standard system flows & functionality. They confirm requirements, integrations, reports, etc. and develop a comprehensive, detailed and realistic project plan and refine pricing. You then have the option of a Fixed Price implementation.

Providing you with enough visibility of gaps and development costs and the capability of the Implementer's consultants.



The purpose of which is to significantly reduce risks as no software has been purchased yet and there is no commitment to proceed with the implementation until a decision is made after this phase

SET YOUR PROJECT UP FOR SUCCESS

The Objectives of the Planning and Scoping Phase



- To scope the project at a very detailed level with requirements traceability
- To refine all costs and update the business case & ROI prior to buying software
- To determine the best deployment approach
- To develop a realistic and comprehensive project plan, including all Implementer and client-side milestones
- To understand organisational readiness and stakeholder engagement
- To agree strategies for Data Migration, Testing and Training
- To ensure contracts are fair and reasonable with best possible commercials
- To confirm deliverables, responsibilities and acceptance criteria
- To agree project structure, roles and responsibilities
- To assess the quality of the Implementer resources
- To set-up your project for success

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DELIVERABLES

Deliverables You're Responsible for:

Phase Planning and Kick-off presentation
Project Governance structure and reporting templates
Data Migration Strategy, Testing Strategy, Training Strategy
Combined Project Schedule/Plan, including Implementer and Client-side milestones and resource constraints
Client-side Resource Plan
Project Organisational Chart, with Roles and Responsibilities
Deliverables RACI with acceptance criteria
Risk Management Approach and Identification
Updated TCO model, Business Case and ROI
Requirements Management Approach
Design Authority Approach
Signed Scoping Document and Software License Agreement
Place Order for Hardware infrastructure
Signed Statement of Work for Implementation

Deliverables the Implementer is Responsible for:

Project Implementation Methodology
Implementation Project Schedule/Plan
Implementer Resource Plan
Technical Architecture
Approach for system environments
Scoping Document
Refined Project Costs
Software License Agreement
Statement of Work for Implementation

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