## Effective project management

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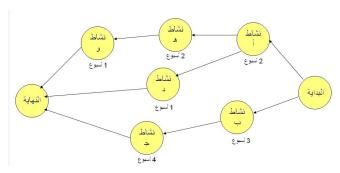
# Goals and sub-goals



Making a cup of tea - breaking down into sub-goals.

- Boil water
- Get kettle
- Get cup
- ► Get tea bag
- ► Get milk
- Pour water on tea bag
- Add milk

## Critical path analysis



What order do the sub-goals need to be achieved in?

- ▶ Get cup / get kettle / get tea bag
- Boil water
- Pour water on teabag
- Add milk
- ► Tea made!

#### Deadlines and sub-deadlines



Use final deadline, and time estimates, to set sub-deadlines.

- Get cup (7.49am) / get kettle (7.49am) / get tea bag (Monday 10pm)
- ▶ Boil water (7.50am)
- Pour water on teabag (7.55am)
- Add milk (7.59am
- ► Tea made! (Tuesday 8am)

## Scheduling your own time



Fitting around the rest of your life e.g. you're working Monday night.

Monday 2pm: Buy tea bags

► Tuesday 7.49am: Get cup & Kettle

▶ 7.50am: boil water

▶ 7.55am: Pour water on teabag

▶ 7.59am: Add milk

▶ 8.00am: Tea made!



#### Assessment



- ▶ Write a schedule for your dissertation
- ► Agree with your supervisor
- ► Submit as PDF to Psyc:EL

# Further study



- Kanban is a technique for tracking the progress of a project
- ► Great materials at https://www.atlassian.com/agile/kanban

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