

Good questions to ask a Project Manager

- How much time are you allowing per week for managing this project?
- What's the key driver, do you think?
- How did you get all the tasks listed? - Can I see your WBS?
- How much contingency have you allowed for the whole job?
and what's the best / worst case, on time and cost?
- Which are the critical tasks?
- Have you planned the loading?
(how many people at the peak?)
- Who do you need when, and have their bosses agreed to this?
- What are the risks?
(risk analysis – how likely & serious, how to prevent / reduce effect)
- Before commencement: can I see the Gantt chart?
- Did you do a network diagram or just go straight to the Gantt?
(if no, how did you avoid missing dependencies?)
(if yes, see if it's very linear or very parallel)
- During: can I see the coloured-in Gantt chart?
(are you colouring in when complete or proportionally?)
- How often do you have a progress meeting?
- Are you going to slip the programme or crash something?
(what?)
- How are you monitoring the cost? And what's the estimated FCC?



- After: have you done a review? (and what did you learn?)
- Where will you keep the review write-up?
- Thanks for doing a really good job on this project

