CMSI 401 Project Status Sheet
Fall 2005

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Accomplishments since last report:
  ➢ Accomplishment 1
  ➢ Accomplishment 2
  ➢ . . .
  ➢ Accomplishment ‘n’

Scheduled tasks to be done by next report:
  ➢ Task 1
  ➢ Task 2
  ➢ . . .
  ➢ Task ‘n’

Noteworthy risks, concerns, or problems:
  ➢ Risk / problem 1 with explanation of risk mitigation plan
  ➢ Risk / problem 2 with explanation of risk mitigation plan
  ➢ . . .
  ➢ Risk / problem ‘n’ with explanation of risk mitigation plan
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Explanation of expectations for status reports

Status reports must be specific. Project management will not understand what is going on with the project, and thus be able to track progress and "earned value", unless you provide details. This means they will come bug you later for the details you didn’t provide them, and will interrupt your work progress twice for one report. This is not only inefficient, but also can be downright annoying. So, here are some tips for informative status reports. Keep in mind these are good things to present as part of your oral status reports as well.

Under "Accomplishments" it is not sufficient to write "Wrote code". Instead, describe the details of the tasks you completed:

- Held two group meetings and hashed out button placement issues on GUI design.
- Modified two product line windows to the shorter version, as agreed in prior meeting.
- Removed hard-coded path names and replaced them with symbolic references that included separate site, directory, and filename components.
- Replaced the login function with one that made UNIX called, rather than NT calls.

Under "Scheduled tasks" it is not sufficient to write "Write code". Instead, write explicit text describing the task and include the data for scheduled completion:

- Code and standalone test add-manufacturer capability (23 March)
- Complete design, code and standalone test of add-facility capability (25 March)
- Complete facility inspection report generation (29 March)

Under "Risks" it is not sufficient to write "not enough time". Explain what the risk or concern is, how it impacts schedule, and how the problem will be solved:

- Need to travel on other business 30 March - 4 April.
- Will not be able to meet 5 April due date at a result.
- Will link with existing customer interview report generator, rather than redesigning the report using the updated layout and logo, with delivery on 8 April.
- Should be able to include improved customer interview report generator by 15 April.