In this paper, you will compare ideas presented in The Mythical Man-Month with those presented in Death March. In addition, you will reference a first-hand project, whether a professional one, academic one, or personal one, in relation to the ideas in both of the books.

Both of the books discussed reasons that projects fail. Choose five topics from each book that could solely make a project fail. Explain each of these five topics in a project agnostic manner (i.e., without relating them to any project).

You will then describe a failed project on which you have worked or experienced. This project can be anything, not necessarily specifically related to software engineering or IT (though if you have a software engineering experience that failed, please use that one as will probably be more applicable).

The last part of the paper will be to relate your failed project to the ideas presented in the two books. Explain how the projects in the books had similar experiences to your project and why the failures are related. You only need to do this for three of the reasons from each book (not all five from each book).

Your paper should be organized into the following sections. To make grading easier, you should clearly separate the paper into these sections.

- **Introduction** – provide a 1-2 paragraph introduction to the paper, the organization, your project, and the conclusion
- **The Mythical Man-Month Failures** – explain five reasons that projects failed related to The Mythical Man-Month. You should cite specific passages in the book.
- **Death March Failures** – explain five reasons that projects failed related to Death March. You should cite specific passages in the book.
- **Personal Project** – explain your personal project, what it was, who was involved, when it occurred, and the result
- **Personal Project Failures** – explain three reasons from each of the two books (six reasons total) related to your project failing.
- **Conclusion** – sum up the paper with suggestions on how your project could have succeeded and what would have been necessary to change

The length of the paper is unspecified, though if you haven’t provided a clear description of the sections above in sufficient detail, you won’t earn full credit. Having said that, here is a suggested range for each section:

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The paper should be 1.5-spaced, just like this document. Each page will consist of approximately 300-350 words, so that will give you an approximate length of the paper. We will not be counting words or number of pages in our grading but rather looking for the substance. I do not want you to ramble on or re-explain items you have discussed just to fluff up the word count. Be concise and specific, explaining in sufficient detail where necessary.

We will be looking for the paper to be professionally-presented and grammatically correct with correct punctuation, complete sentences, and no typos. If you need additional help with these topics, the Writing Center in THH is available to read over papers and provide services for these issues.
Grading Criteria
0.5% Introduction clearly provided
2.5% The Mythical Man-Month failures (0.5% per failure)
2.5% Death March failures (0.5% per failure)
1.0% Description of personal project
3.0% Personal project failures related to failures from book (0.5% per failure)
0.5% Sections clearly indicated and paper presented professionally
1.0% Complete sentences and grammatically-correct