The Project Management Process

According to the PMI’s PMBOK Guide, a project’s life-cycle can be divided into a number of different processes. These processes can be grouped into the following 5 Process Groups:

1. **INITIATE**
   - Define the project and set up expectations.

2. **PLAN**
   - Create a plan with schedules, tasks, resources, and budget.

3. **EXECUTE**
   - Start implementing the project plan.

4. **MONITOR**
   - Make sure the execution is in line with the project plan.

5. **CLOSE**
   - Reach the project goal and compile all the documents and reports.

**Areas of Knowledge**
- Integration Management
- Scope Management
- Time Management
- Cost Management
- Quality Management
- Human Resource Management
- Communications Management
- Risk Management
- Procurement Management
- Stakeholders Management

**Tools**
- Milestone checklists
- Project charter template
- Change log
- Project plan template
- Gantt chart
- Fishbone Diagram
- Time management software
- Tracking software
- Collaborative software
- Decision making software

The project process can often go back-and-forth between the planning, executing, and monitoring phases.

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