ServiceNow Major Incident Management Process Project Kickoff

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- Stakeholders ITS Service Owners, ServiceNow Team, Technical Support Contacts (TSCs), University Data Center (UDC)



Executive Summary: Background

Major Incident Management

 Major Incident: An incident with significant business impact, requiring an immediate coordinated resolution.

Classification		Business Criticality				
	Matrix	1 - Most Critical	2 - Somewhat Critical	3 - Less Critical	4 - Not Critical	
Priority	P1	Major Incident				
	P2					
	P3		Routine Incident			
	P4					

ITS Process

- Notify and Investigate: Incident Creator / UDC Operators / Service Owner
- Engage and Update: Incident Coordinator / Service Owner / AVP
- Resolve and Close: Service Owner / Incident Coordinator

Executive Summary: Background

Layers of Support

- Incident Creator
- Incident Coordinator
- UDC Operators
- Technical Support Contacts (TSCs)
- Service Desk Tier 1 and Tier 2
- Service Owners



Executive Summary: Need for Project

Historical –

- February 2021 Winter Storm
- COVID 19
- ServiceNow provides workflow and opportunities to automate portions of the Major Incident process





Scope of Work: In Scope

- Choose and implement an automated on-call management tool
- Transition tasks suitable for workflow or automation from the ITS Major Incident Checklist to ServiceNow
- Streamline the alerts and updates of the IT Alerts and Outages page
- Add business criticality into ServiceNow for all services identified on the major incident checklist
- Develop notification of Major Incident participants to join a Team room or conference bridge based on acceptance of Major Incident
- Reduce dependence on the UDC Operators to make on-call and major incident determination decisions
- Develop and implement SLA/KPI metrics for the Major Incident Management Process in ServiceNow
- Develop documentation and train staff

Scope of Work: In Scope

This project will workflow or automate as many of the steps in the Major Incident Process (outlined below) by taking advantage of the capabilities of ServiceNow and an on-call management tool:

- 1. Create an Incident in ServiceNow and propose the Incident become a Major Incident
- 2. Service Owner accept or reject incident escalation

If Major Incident is accepted

- 1. Notify ITS Problems
- 2. Post Update major incident to the Alerts and Outages ServiceNow
- 3. Send a request to join the conference bridge or major incident Team room
- 4. Manage the resolution and communicate with the community
- 5. Notify customers as well as ITS-Problems
- 6. Update the Alerts and Outages ServiceNow page with major incident resolution
- 7. Invoke the Change Process if applicable
- 8. Invoke the Post Incident Review Process



Major Incident Checklist Major Incident: An incident with significant business impact, requiring an immediate coordinated resolution.						
Notify & Investigate ☐ Incident announcement and investigation Incident Creator / UDC Operators / Service Owner Incident Creator	Engage & Update → Incident coordination and communication Incident Coordinator/Service Owner/ AVP Incident Coordinator		Resolve & Close Incident solution and report Service Owner/ Incident Coordinator Incident Coordinator			
Contact the affected service's Service Owner / Team and propose a Major incident If the Service Desk sees a trend of similar incidents they will notify Tier II to confirm Tier II will create a parent incident ticket and contact the Service Owner Service Owner (or designee)	Decide if Conference Bridge is needed Open the Conference Bridge or delegate to UDC Operators Email new updates to ITS Problems Identify Public v. Internal Communications Provide updates to scope/impact Further define services/customers affected	Example: [public] The password reset issue has been identified and staff are working on a resolution. Next update: 9 a.m. on Monday March 1 or as soon as service is restored.	Communicate "All Clear / Resolution" Email resolution to ITS Problems Email resolution to IT Updates and targeted customer list, if previously notified Notify participants on Conference Bridge Email resolution to AVP & Senior Staff distribution list Ensure any postings to the Student Portal or UT Core			
Email ITS Problems with known details, including the incident number, to acknowledge it is being investigated — If an incident does not yet exist, the UDC Operator will create one and assign it to the appropriate group.	Share corrective actions being taken including any workarounds Estimate time to resolution (if possible) Expected timeline for next update If applicable, email IT Updates or targeted user list	[internal] The feed from TIM to Active Directory is degraded while staff work on a fix. All identity notifications have been queued to Active Directory.	Website are removed			
Example: We have received reports that users are unable to reset their passwords. ITS staff are investigating.	Consult FAS Communications to decide if: campus-wide notification is needed (email or social media)	Service Owner (or designee) Provide status updates to the Incident Coordinator	Example: Operators, please post and mark this as resolved. [public] The password reset issue has been resolved. A Major Incident			
UDC Operators	Student Portal posting is needed UT Core Website posting is needed	AVP (or designee)				
Create outage record on Alerts & Outages Service Portal within 10 minutes	Widespread Communications If campus-wide notification is warranted:	Notify senior officials and provides updates				
Service Owner (or designee)		Reminders Only University Communications and ITS have the ability to	report will be published once the root cause investigation is complete.			
Investigate the incident and either declare a Major Incident or downgrade, as appropriate	FAS Comm distributes message to the appropriate community	update UT Core Website.	Service Owner (or designee)			
Identify services and customers affected	Email Reminders		Schedule "lessons learned" and complete Post Incident Review (PIR) report			
Identify and engage an Incident Coordinator Depending on the issue and resource availability, a Senior Project Manager may be asked to fulfill the role of Incident Coordinator.	Define acronyms the first time they are used and avoid IT jarg Always refer users to the Alerts & Outages page for informati Always identify Public information (to be posted to Alerts & C	Add the PIR report to the ITS Incident Reports Wiki Email the PIR report to IT Talk and targeted customer list(s) Include link to ITS Incident Report Wiki				
Update ITS Problems to acknowledge investigation Example: Identity changes from uTexas Identity Manager (TIM) are not being delivered to Active Directory. Users who have reset their passwords since 10:30 PM may be unable to authenticate. ITS staff are investigating.	Propose an incident as Major if it: has a priority 1 (P1) or priority 2 (P2) using the priority matrix (page 3); and involves a service with a Business Criticality of "1 - most critical" or "2 - somewhat critical" (page 2). Classification Matrix 1 - Most Critical 2 - Somew P1 P2 P2 Major Incident P3 P4		Business Criticality what Critical 3 - Less Critical 4 - Not Critical Routine Incident			

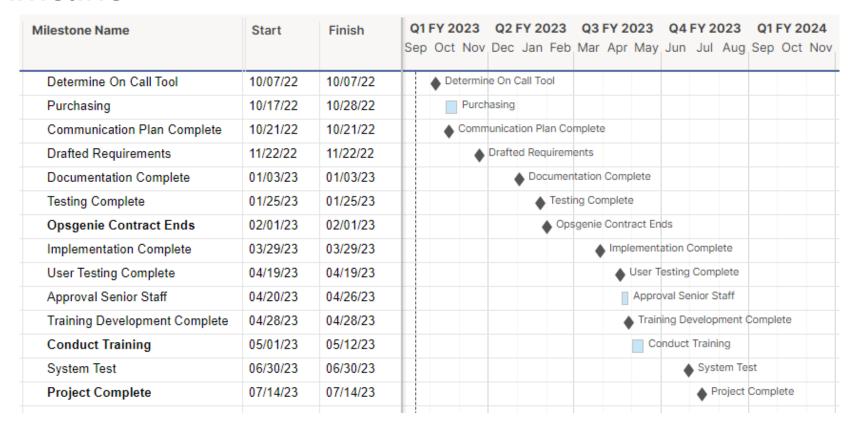
Scope of Work: Out of Scope

Items out of scope for this effort are:

- Changes to the core ServiceNow Incident Management Process
- Replacing ITS Problems and the IT Alerts UT lists
- Additional unidentified items that are not specifically defined as In Scope

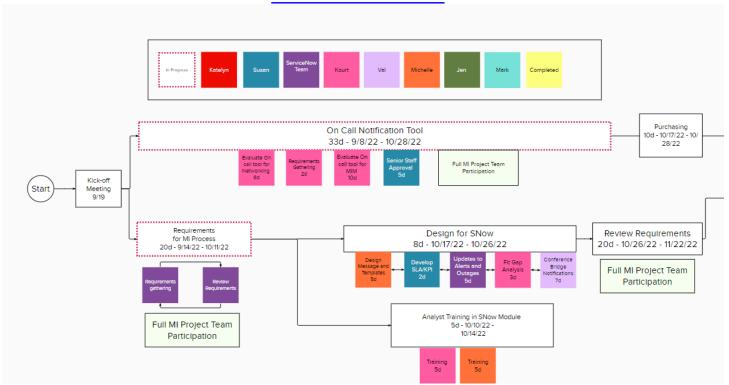
There is no expectation that additional resources will need to be assigned, long-term, for service of the process once fully implemented

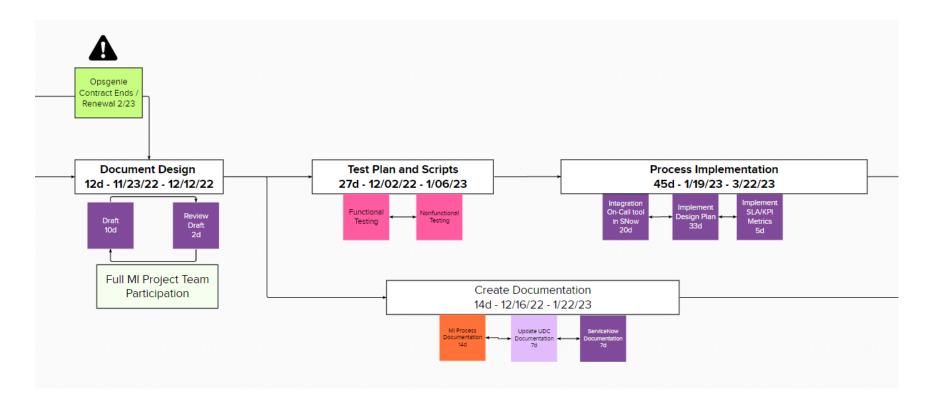
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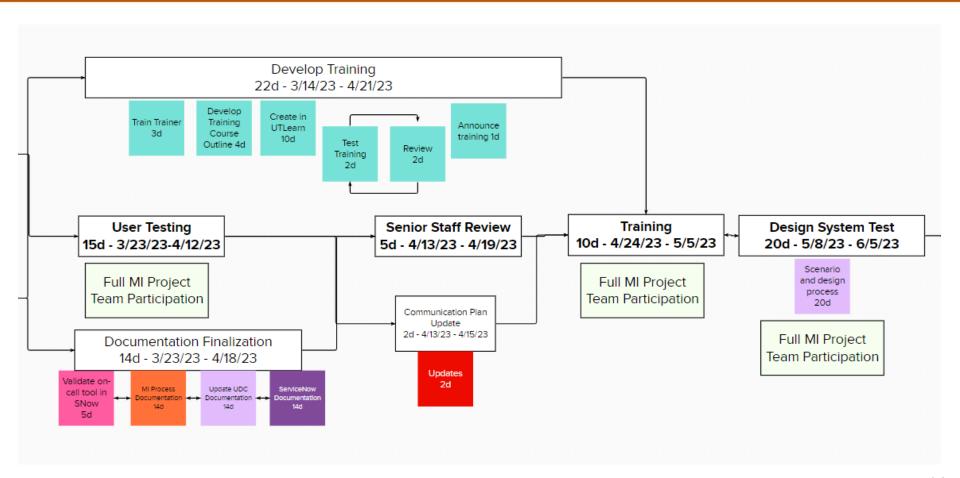


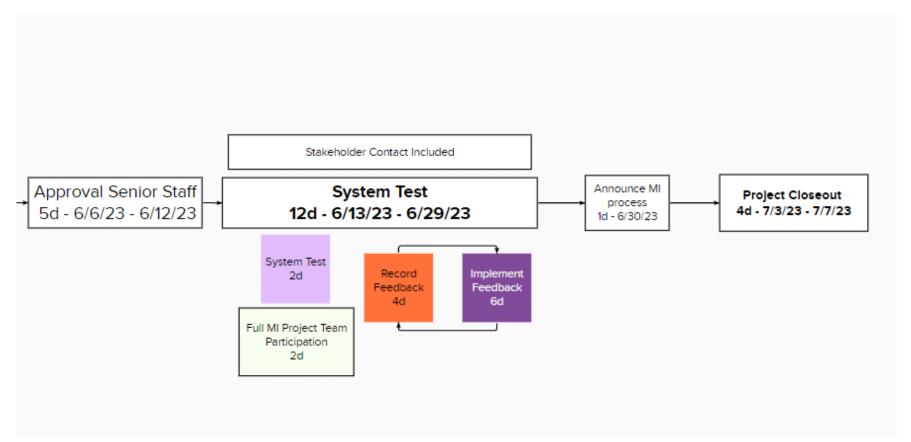
Approach/Process

SNow MIM Workflow









Communication Approach & Plan

• **Project sponsor, service owners, project team :** Charter, project plan, schedule, workflow diagram, communication plan, regular status updates, risk register.

Initial Schedule	Deliverable/Mode of Communication	Update Frequency	Audience
Q1 2023	Project status report	Weekly	Stakeholders, Sponsor
Q2 2023	Test results	Once	Stakeholders
Q4 2023	Release of process (deployment announcement)	Once	ITS
As needed	Project change requests	As needed	Sponsor
As needed	Schedule & budget change requests	As needed	Sponsor

