# Project Charter/Definition Document (Simplified) Template

## About the Project

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| Project name |  | Date |  |

## Objectives

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| Business objectives | |  |
|  | Primary |  |
|  | Secondary |  |
| Project Objectives | |  |

## Scope

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| Scope notes |  |
| Scope diagram |  |

## Risks and Constraints

### Quick Risk Assessment

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|  | Size (1-10) |  | How large is this project? 10 = largest |
|  | Structure (1-10) |  | How much do we know re requirements? 10 = no reqs |
|  | Technology (1-10) |  | How new, complex is the technology to be used? 10 = newest |
|  | Average |  | [If > 5, mitigate the risk.] |

### Constraints

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| **Constraint** | **Can’t move** | **Moves a little** | **Negotiate** |
| Time |  |  |  |
| Cost |  |  |  |
| Quality/scope |  |  |  |

### Risks

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| **Risk factor** | **Likelihood (L, M, H)** | **Impact (L, M, H)** | **Prevent by** | **React by** |
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## Communications Strategy (Status Reporting, Messaging)

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| **Stakeholder** | **Goal** | **Frequency** | **Medium** | **Comment** |
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## Governance Strategy (Change Requests, Approvals)

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| **Type of change (requirements, budget, scope, etc.** | **Final decision maker(s)** | **Consulted** | **Comment** |
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*Adapted from project charter of Russell Martin & Associates*