

Iterative Terminology

- **Iterative** is an incremental build approach.

“The basic idea behind this method is to develop a system through repeated cycles (iterative) and in smaller portions at a time (incremental), allowing software developers to take advantage of what was learned during development of earlier parts or versions of the system ([Wikipedia](#)).”

- **Rolling wave planning** is a type of progressive elaboration planning.

In this technique project management team plans tasks for the near future (few next iterations) as detailed as possible, while the work far in the future remains planned on a high level (**PMBOK**).

- **Progressive elaboration** is a project management term that applies whenever you start a new project and are unsure what the outcome will be. Over time, you gather information and adapt your strategy accordingly, continuously improving a plan as more information become available--basically, adjusting as you go along

“Continuously improving and detailing a plan as more detailed and specific information and more accurate estimates become available as the project progresses, and thereby producing more accurate and complete plans that result from the successive iterations of the planning process” (**PMBOK**).

Read more: [eHow-ProgressiveElaboration](#)