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Synopsis:

The Linking in Strategic Thinking

Strategic thinking is both a science and an art that requires the ability to perceive links in information or potential events, to effectively navigate the gauntlet of opportunity and risk. In this discussion, we will talk about some critical thinking techniques we can use to help increase our ability to find meaningful linkages with our project environment. By applying *strategic thinking* as a skill, this discussion will help project managers to deliver results by seeing more than what it is on the surface, by finding out what is lying underneath.