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Strategy Name: Project Management Introduction

Purpose: Understand the importance in planning / critical items
Understand constraints of budget, time, and scope.

Materials Needed: Internet Access, Computers

Lessons: The students will be put into groups of 3-4. A list of client problems and how much each client spends with your company is given to the students. The most difficult problems will be attached to the highest paying customers while the easiest problems will be attached to the least paying customers. The students will have a limited amount of time (20 Minutes) to complete their problem solutions for their given list. The time given will not suffice for effectively finishing all problems.

The students will be forced to decide which problems to solve first and inevitably more important.

Questions for discussion would follow:

1. Explain the team process of planning to solve the problems.
2. Explain the roles people were assigned.
3. How did the team reduce the project into manageable tasks?
4. What were the challenges?
5. What worked well?

Closure:

A discussion will end the class on why students chose to work with some problems over others. Write a paragraph stating what you would do differently next time a problem-solution situation. Explain what was learned regarding understanding what makes a problem more critical than another.