



# Project Prioritization Cheat Sheet

## Prioritization Processes

## Description

### Kano Model

This model suggests that the features available in a final product determine a customer's satisfaction. Identify the features that will provide a high level of satisfaction to the end user and prioritize those.

### Payback Period

A straightforward method focusing on cash flow and does not account for potential risks or hurdles. When calculating the payback period, note both ongoing costs and income potential.

### Net Present Value

Net present value compares the current cost of a project to the ROI. This process takes the potential for discounted cash flow into account but leaves out many non-financial variables.

### Story Mapping

A process that creates a hypothetical map of the user's experience with a product. The map helps highlight the features a user is most likely to interact with and therefore are most important.

### MoSCoW model

MoSCoW stands for "Must have, Should have, Could have, Won't have." The MoSCoW method is a priority matrix that quickly sorts options into four prioritization categories.

### Scoring Model

This model assigns a numerical value to projects based on criteria predetermined by decision-makers. Higher scores correspond to higher-priority projects.

### Analytic Hierarchy Process

This process determines project priority through a series of pairwise comparisons among projects. Create a numerical score for each project using the criteria that is most relevant to your company's needs. Higher scores correlate to higher priority projects.

### Data Envelopment Analysis

This method measures the relative efficiency of similar organizational units. Project managers can use this method to identify units that are more productive, so they can prioritize projects accordingly.

### Priority Matrix

A straightforward tool to determine the most crucial projects on a list. A priority matrix can be as simple as a two-by-two square that measures urgency and importance. It can also be a larger grid that compares many variables.