Grammar: Parallelism

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Why Parallelism?

- Parallelism makes a sentence clearer and more elegant.
- Readers know what grammatical structure to expect.
  - Reduces the cognitive load for reading a sentence.

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- scope
- stakeholders
- milestones
- managing risks

Faulty Parallelism in Headings

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- milestones
- risk management

Faulty Parallelism in Lists

We analyze requirements of a project in order to:

- Know who are the **stakeholders**
- Elicit **requirements**
- Determine **deliverables**