Problem-Based Learning vs. Project-Based Learning

Feature	Problem-Based Learning (PBL)	Project-Based Learning
Starting Point	An open-ended problem is presented first.	A project or task is defined.
Learning Driver	The need to solve the problem drives learning.	Learning often happens before the project to prepare for it, or during the project as needed for the task.
Focus	The process of inquiry and problem-solving.	The final product or outcome.
Teacher Role	Primarily a facilitator of inquiry.	Often more of a manager or coach.
Outcome	Often a proposed solution or recommendation.	Usually a tangible product, presentation, or performance.