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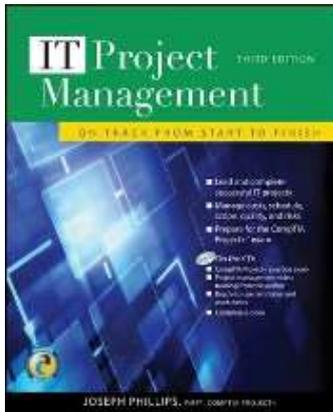Author: Joseph Phillips
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Book Title: _IT Project Management: On Track from Start to Finish_

Author: **Joseph Phillips**

Publisher: McGraw-Hill

List Price: $57.00   Format: Hard Cover, 613 pages

Publication Date: 2010   ISBN: 9780071700429

Reviewer: Manjit Aerry

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Introduction

This book should be extremely useful for the Project Managers who plan to manage IT Projects – as the book has been written based upon author's own experience as a Project Manager. The author has tried to explain all the project management processes involved in IT Project Management in a very simple language. The quizzes and exercises at the end of each chapter help the reader test his/her understanding of the contents of that chapter. Additionally, each of the chapter has "From the Field' section that includes related questions asked from the experienced/reputed Project Managers along with their responses. In other words, IT Project Management techniques recommended in this book are based upon real world IT Project Management experiences.

Additionally, it appears that this book is written to help the readers prepare for CompTIA Project + exam as well. In other words, this book serves dual purpose.

Overview of Book's Structure

The chapters in this book have been placed in the order it is supposed to be from IT Project Management perspective. Starting with the first chapter that describes Initiating the Project, it explains planning, managing the scope, creating the budget, Building the Project Plan, Organizing and Managing a Project Team, Implementing, Revising Project Plan, enforcing quality in the other chapters before coming to the conclusion of completing the project.

Also, the material relevant for CompTIA Project + exam has been separately identified in each of the chapter with greyed background.

Highlights

Some of the chapters in this book are very well written, especially Chapter 1 (Initiating the Projects), Chapter 2 (Planning the Project), Chapter 4 (Managing the

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Project Scope), Chapter 7 (Organizing a Project Team) & Chapter 8 (Managing Teams)

Highlights: What I liked!

I liked the way the importance of Project Scope Statement has been described in Chapter 2 of this book. And it is a true statement that Project Scope Statement is one of the most important documents from the IT Project Management perspective. The project scope is basically the required work that the project must complete in order for the project to be done.

Additionally, I liked the way the importance of Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) has been explained in Chapter 4 of this book.

Who might benefit from the Book?

The project Manager who has never worked on an IT Project earlier will benefit most from this book – especially if he/she has been assigned an IT project now.

If someone plans to take CompTIA Project + exam, this book can be used as a resource to prepare for that exam.

Conclusion

I consider this to be great book for someone who needs to understand IT Project Management – as all the related processes have been explained so clearly. Moreover, IT Project Management approach recommended in this book is practical in nature that help the reader to become a successful IT Project Manager.

For more about this book, go to: https://www.mhprofessional.com/9780071700436-usa-it-project-management-on-track-from-start-to-finish-third-edition-group

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