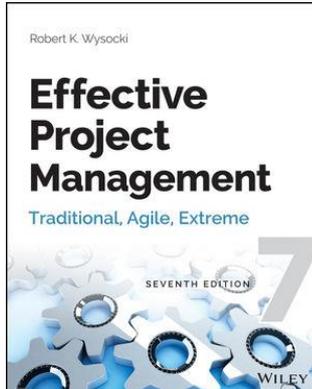


PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***Effective Project Management: Traditional, Agile, Extreme, 7th Edition***
Author: ***Robert K. Wysocki***
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Introduction

You will use this well-written book for two purposes:

1. It will be your daily desk reference for the PMBOK® 5th Edition.
2. It will be your guide to choosing the right project management approach for the project you are leading.

Overview

The book is clearly organized into five parts:

1. Understanding project management
2. Traditional (waterfall) project management
3. Complex project management (Agile and Extreme)
4. Managing the realities of projects (distressed projects, multi-team projects, building a project support office, and creating a continuous process-improvement program)
5. Maturing to enterprise-wide project management

This organization allows you to quickly find the topic you need. The author's writing style makes you feel that your favorite teacher is explaining the topic in a clear, confident voice. Wysocki offers a clear comparison of traditional, agile and extreme project management. Then, he goes above and beyond with Part 4: Managing the Realities of Projects. Once these topics are covered, he concludes with topics on enterprise portfolio management.

Information on the Author

Robert K. Wysocki, PhD, has over 45 years of experience as a project management educator, consultant and practitioner. He earned a BA in Mathematics from the

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In 1990, he founded Enterprise Information Insights, a consulting and training practice specializing in project management methodology and design, development of training curriculum, and the development of performance assessment tools.

This is the seventh edition of *Effective Project Management*. It is one of ten project management titles he has written, along with scores of articles.

What I Liked About This Book

From cover to cover, this is one of the few books that helps practitioners and trainers alike. It is not an academic book, yet it is comprehensive. A trainer can use it to help students learn more about project management, and a project manager can use it as a reference guide.

Not only does the author describe three types of project management, he goes on to tell you how to choose the right method to match the project environment. He shows you how to succeed by using the right tools. Tables, illustrations and workflow diagrams are used to further explain the text.

Shortcomings

I was hoping to read stories and case studies that used the concepts in the book. Although they are missing, the rich content of the book makes up for it.

Conclusions

I will keep this book on my desk, next to my PMBOK® 5th Edition. It is my new everyday desk reference, to enhance my performance.

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