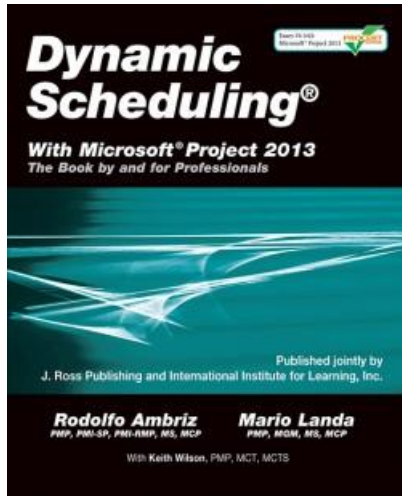


PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***Dynamic Scheduling with Microsoft Project 2013 – The Book by and for Professionals***

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Introduction to the Book

The book gives a really good overview of pretty much everything under the sun that anyone would ever wish to know about dynamic project scheduling using MS Project 2013– and some!

Overview of Book's Structure

The book starts with an interesting introduction and comparison of MS Project 2013 and previous versions.

Chapter 1 (Concepts of Project Management) and 2 (Getting started with MS Project 2013) are a great 'warm up' to the subject of practical Project Management using a tool such as MS Project 2013. It should also be noted that the text is well aligned with the PMI methodology. Subsequent chapters are grouped by specific topics of data entry in MS Project e.g. "optimizing the schedule".

Highlights: What's New in this Book?

The book begins with a useful section on the differences between old and new versions of MS Project which I imagine would help direct the more experienced MS Project users on where to focus their learning efforts for 2013.

Highlights: What I liked!

A particularly useful feature of the book was the symbols used throughout, to denote where to take warnings/ reminders of consideration and points of interest. It is written and structured in a way that is almost verbal walk through of work examples you are doing with a team.

The authors are clearly from an experienced Project Management background and have written the text to be specifically useful to other Project Managers and the challenges they may face when undertaking project scheduling. The alignment of the text to PMI and specifically PMBOK 5th edition terminology is particularly useful in a working context.

Who might benefit from the Book?

Any Project Manager or Project Administrator who uses MS Project on a regular basis and wants to get more use out of it as a tool.

Conclusion

Whilst the book is well written and split up with a healthy amount of illustrations and working examples, given the subject material, it is a heavy all-in-one read and would likely only be read cover to cover by the most dedicated MS Project users.

That being said, even those MS Project 2013 users who would never dream of reading the book word for word, would still benefit from having it as an easy access desk tool to utilize as questions arise during day-to-day project scheduling. Given the depth of information and the skilled presentation of a somewhat heavy subject, I would recommend investing in this book.

For more about this book, go to: <http://www.jrosspub.com/dynamic-scheduling-with-microsoft-project-2013.html>

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