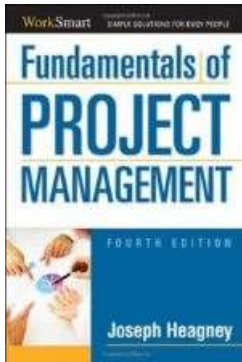

PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***Fundamentals of Project Management 5th Ed***

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Introduction

This fifth edition of a great book “Fundamentals of Project Management” that has been around for many years helping beginning and seasoned project managers learn the essentials of project management has been updated. It provides insights into the latest standards and best practices of the profession.

It is an easy-to-read book that provides information on project management tools and techniques through diagrams, examples, lists of points to remember for each concept along with exercises that demonstrates the fundamental knowledge the author is trying to convey.

Overview of Book’s Structure

The book is divided into 16 chapters. The book starts with an overview of what project management is and the project management profession and the role of the project manager. Then the book gets into the different phases of the project as well as provides detail on the tools and techniques used in each phase that will help the project manager be successful.

The author has updated this version from his previous edition by adding a couple of new sections. The first is Chapter 4 that goes into detail on incorporating stakeholder management into the planning process. There are many stakeholders associated with each project. Knowing and understanding the needs of each and making provisions into addressing the needs of each go a long way in achieving success.

The second added chapter is chapter 15, “Closing the Project”. This is an area that most project managers know we need to do, but studies show that it is done poorly. In addition to turning over the deliverable, transitioning team members and closing out financials, there are other tasks that should be done. The author goes into details on each as well as suggests ways to capture them before the project ends.

Highlights

At the end of each chapter the author provides a list of key points to remember from the information provided in that chapter. At the end of many chapters the author will also provide an exercise that the reader can work through that will help solidify the project management techniques that were discussed in that chapter.

Highlights: What I liked!

The book is well laid out and easy to read. The book could easily be used as a companion to the PMBOK while studying for the PMP exam as the author goes into details on each concept and explains them clearly.

Who might benefit from the Book?

Projects can be a challenge and project managers need to keep their skills sharp. This book can be beneficial to any individual that wants to basic refresh their project management knowledge of tools and techniques. This book can also be beneficial to anyone that is new to project management or a stakeholder that wants to know more about the tools and terminology used by a project manager.

Conclusion

Successful project management requires a process of continually improving skills and learning lessons from experiences then applying those skills and lessons to future projects. This book is a great resource for helping a project manager or other team member to earn new tools and techniques or refresh their knowledge.

For more about this book, go to:

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