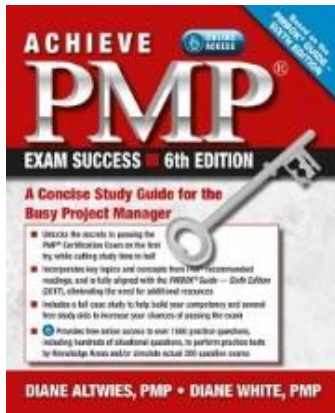


## PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***Achieve PMP Exam Success, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed: A Concise Study Guide for the Busy Project Manager***

Authors: **Diane Buckley-Altwies, MBA, PMP, PMO Fellow; Diane White, PMP**

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### Introduction

The book *Achieve PMP Exam Success 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*, together with the PMP PMBOK Guide, has been written to help prepare for the successfully passing of the Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification Exam. The book provides “A Concise Study Guide for the Busy Project Manager”

### Overview of Book’s Structure

The book covers all subjects addressed on the PMP exam. Each Chapter of the book is focused on key concepts covered on the exam:

- Understanding the role of the Project Manager
- Integration Management
- Scope Management
- Schedule Management
- Cost Management
- Quality Management
- Resource Management
- Communication and Risk Management
- Stakeholder Management

### Highlights

- The first chapter of the book contains a 50-question assessment. It is suggested by the authors to complete the assessment before proceeding with additional chapters in the preparation guide. The assessment is designed to help the student focus on areas that require additional knowledge. Students should still consider skimming other chapters for completeness.

- A 50-question final exam is included that helps the student determine if they have a good understanding of the material presented in the book.
- The book helps to build skills focusing on using tools and techniques used in project management. An understanding of how the tools can be used to manage projects is presented throughout the study guide.
- Each chapter is structured to provide a list of tasks needed to pass the PMP exam. The authors utilized input on passing the exam from:
  - Their experience helping others prepare for the exam
  - Input from workshop participants that they felt were useful in passing the exam.
- The study guide's objective is to add value to the to the PMBOK Guide through explanations and examples. The book should not be considered a replacement for actual PMPBOK Guide.

### **Highlights: What I liked!**

The physical study guide also includes a 45 day free access to the authors unique online PMP test bank. Including the online practice exams helps the student sharpen their knowledge and also can be used in determining if they can pass the real exam. The online practice exams can also assist in identifying areas that still need additional work before taking the exam

### **Who might benefit from the Book?**

The study guide is designed for busy Project Managers interested in studying for and passing the PMP certification exam.

### **Conclusion**

The authors of the book, Diane Buckley-Altwies and Diane White are certified PMP's who have a broad spectrum of knowledge of Project Management. They both have experience in a number of major verticals including Information Technology, Telecommunications, Financial Services and Health Care.

The PMP study guide is designed to assist the busy Project Manager in passing the PMP certification exam. It is not a replacement for the PMPBOK Guide. The PMP study guide should be used to strengthen the knowledge already presented in the PMPBOK guide and real world project management experience.

The assessment exam, the tools and techniques, the final exam and online sample exam are designed to help the student focus their attention on areas that might require additional help to pass the PMP Certification Exam.

For more about this book, go to: <http://www.jrosspub.com/business/project-program-management/achieve-pmp-exam-success-6th-edition.html>

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