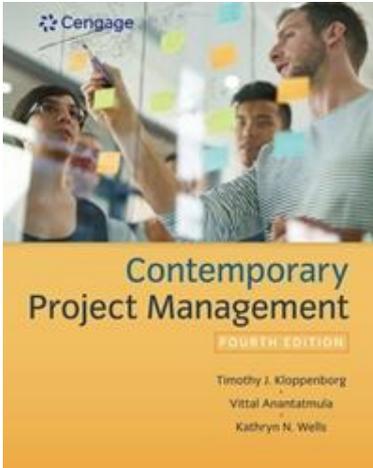


## PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***Contemporary Project Management: Organize / Plan / Perform***<sup>1</sup>

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### Overview of Book's Structure

Contemporary Project Management: Organize / Plan / Perform Second Edition breaks down 457 pages into 15 chapters that are subdivided into three parts; Part 1: Organizing Projects, Part 2: Planning Projects, and Part 3: Performing Projects.

Part 1 is primarily concerned with project selection and prioritization, organizational structure, culture and roles and project charters, which are how projects are officially approved. Part 2 introduce the reader to the project planning as outlined in *PMBOK* 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Part 3 introduces the politics of managing a project throughout its lifecycle, such as leading and managing project teams, determining project progress and results and how to close out a completed project.

Each chapter concludes with key terms from the *PMBOK* 4<sup>th</sup> edition Guide, chapter review questions, discussion questions, *PMBOK* 4<sup>th</sup> edition Guide Questions, exercises, and integrated example projects that provide the reader with real world scenarios.

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## Highlights

In addition, book includes Microsoft Project Professional 2010 Student CD-ROM with a trial version of Microsoft Project 2010 at no additional cost. The practical use of that key project management application is fully integrated into 8 chapters of the textbook.

### Highlights: What I liked!

This is the most solid book I have ever seen on the subject. Immediately after I opened the book and came across the information, I realized that the book was deep in meaning. At the beginning of each chapter, there are a focused list of PMBOK topics and the most important project management concepts.

“...Perhaps the best way to understand the contemporary approach to project management is to learn how the contemporary approach to project quality management developed.” (Chapter 11. P.291)”.

### Who might benefit from the Book?

Whoever wants to develop a good understanding of project management according to the Project Management Body of Knowledge.

## Conclusion

Contemporary Project Management is one of the best books about project management I have ever read. It provides comprehensive coverage of all aspects of the project management process.

This book is a great resource for those who are looking to increase knowledge and build skills.

The book covers everything that a project manager would ever need, from information on how to create a milestone schedule or WBS or understand critical path or to define resources, tools & techniques for assessing project team capabilities.

Contemporary Project Management serves as a great learning tool for traditional methodology and less technically inclined project managers.

The writing style is straightforward and simple, and each chapter contains easy to understand charts and diagrams that illustrate key concepts.

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For more about this book, go to: <https://www.cengage.com/c/contemporary-project-management-4e-kloppenborg/9781337406451/> or <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/contemporary-project-management-timothy-kloppenborg/1128555472>

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