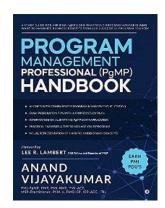# PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW

Book Title: ***Program Management Professional (PgMP) Handbook*** [1]

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Introduction

"The Program Management Professional (PgMP) Handbook" is an invaluable resource for individuals aspiring to become certified program managers or seeking to enhance their program management skills. The book offers comprehensive guidance and practical insights into program management practices.

Written with clarity and precision by Anand Vijayakumar, the handbook serves as a comprehensive reference guide, covering all aspects of program management in a structured and organized manner. From foundational concepts to advanced techniques, the author provides a wealth of knowledge that can benefit both novice and experienced program managers.

Overview of Book's Structure

The handbook's structure is well thought out, making it easy to navigate and locate specific information. The book 231 pages and has 11 chapters, starting with basics and covering various critical areas of program management, including program initiation, planning, execution, monitoring, and closure. Each section is accompanied by clear explanations, best practices, and helpful tips, enabling readers to grasp complex concepts and apply them effectively in their own projects.

Highlights

What sets this handbook apart is its focus on the PgMP certification exam. The authors have meticulously aligned the content with the exam domains, ensuring that readers are adequately prepared. The inclusion of sample exam questions and answers at the end of each chapter enables readers to assess their understanding and identify areas

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that require further study. This feature makes the handbook a valuable study companion for those pursuing the PgMP certification.

Highlights: What I liked!

What I liked most is that the book delves into the human side of program management, emphasizing the importance of leadership, communication, and stakeholder management. It acknowledges the challenges associated with managing diverse teams and offers strategies to foster collaboration and ensure project success. By addressing these soft skills, the handbook goes beyond technical knowledge and equips program managers with the essential interpersonal skills needed for effective program delivery.

Who might benefit from the Book?

While the "Program Management Professional (PgMP) Handbook" provides an extensive and well-rounded overview of program management, it is worth noting that it primarily focuses on the PgMP certification. Readers seeking a broader exploration of program management principles outside the context of certification may find the content more tailored to that specific goal.

Conclusion

In conclusion, "The Program Management Professional (PgMP) Handbook" is an exceptional resource that combines theory, practical insights, and exam preparation strategies. Whether you are a seasoned program manager or aspiring to become one, this handbook offers a wealth of knowledge and guidance that can elevate your program management skills to new heights. It is a must-have reference for anyone involved in the field of program management.

For more about this book, go to: https://www.amazon.com/Program-Management-Professional-PgMP-Handbook/dp/1649195788

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