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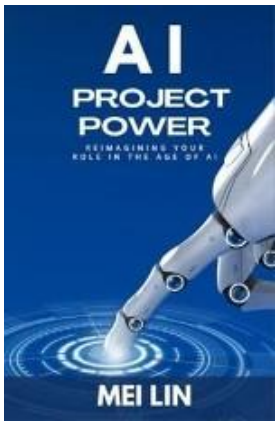

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Introduction

AI Project Power provides a structured and insightful exploration of how artificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping the project management landscape. Targeted at project professionals, this book serves as both a conceptual guide and a practical toolkit, helping readers understand, evaluate, and integrate AI into their workflows. From foundational AI concepts and evolving technologies to real-world implementation strategies, the book balances technical depth with actionable guidance. The book has a strong focus on the strategic role of project managers in the AI era, emphasizing the importance of human oversight, ethical considerations, and organizational change management.

The book is divided into six comprehensive chapters, each tackling a crucial dimension of AI's impact on project management. Topics range from mastering AI fundamentals and exploring contemporary AI tools to examining Microsoft's project ecosystem, selecting and implementing AI solutions, and navigating the legal and ethical risks of innovation. Notably, the final chapter guides project professionals through the transformational journey of becoming AI-era leaders, offering both motivation and a forward-looking roadmap. This makes AI Project Power a timely and valuable resource for professionals seeking to future-proof their skills to lead AI-driven initiatives with confidence.

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Overview of Book's Structure

The structure of *AI Project Power* is thoughtfully organized to guide the reader from foundational AI knowledge to advanced implementation strategies within project management.

The book opens with **Chapter 1**, laying the groundwork through essential concepts like general AI, conversational AI, AGI (Artificial General Intelligence), and the crucial role of human oversight through the "Human-in-the-Loop" (HITL) concept. This early focus sets the stage for understanding the broader implications of AI in professional environments and highlights why project leaders still matter despite increasing automation.

Chapter 2 transitions into practical applications, exploring current AI tools that are directly relevant to project professionals. These include conversational AI assistants, automation agents, platforms for developers and researchers, and specific PPPM (Project, Program, and Portfolio Management) tools. A unique section called "Mei's AI Toolbox" suggests a personalized or case-based approach, making the concepts more relatable and digestible. This chapter serves as a bridge between abstract concepts and practical tools.

Chapter 3 focuses on the **Microsoft Project Management Ecosystem**, providing insights into tools like Microsoft Project, Planner, Copilot, and Copilot Studio. This focus on a widely adopted ecosystem is particularly helpful for readers in enterprise settings looking to integrate AI within existing infrastructure. **Chapter 4** follows with a detailed implementation guide, discussing usability, integration, ROI, and scaling strategies. It also addresses common challenges and coping mechanisms, positioning the reader to approach AI adoption realistically and strategically.

In **Chapters 5 and 6**, the book shifts to broader considerations. Chapter 5 addresses **legal and risk factors**, such as data privacy, IP, model bias, and accountability. Finally, **Chapter 6** reimagines the role of project professionals in the AI age. It discusses how to evolve from being a process executor to a strategic leader, and offers advice on certifications, mindset shifts, and future trends. With references, an index, and an author bio included at the end, the book is well-structured for both linear reading and as a reference guide. Overall, the structure is logical, progressive, and supportive of both immediate application and long-term professional development.

Highlights

One of the standout strengths of *AI Project Power* is its balance between foundational theory and practical application. The book begins by demystifying complex AI concepts, such as general AI, conversational AI, and human-in-the-loop systems (Chapter 1), making them accessible for project professionals who may not have a technical background. This solid theoretical grounding helps readers understand the "why" behind AI integration before moving into the "how." Chapter 2's deep dive into

contemporary tools, including conversational assistants, automation agents, and platforms like Mei's AI Toolbox, offers readers a clear picture of the AI landscape they'll need to navigate.

A second major highlight is the book's focus on real-world implementation strategies. Chapter 4, titled *AI Tool Selection and Implementation Guide*, introduces practical evaluation criteria using the S.E.R.I. framework - Security, Ease of Use, ROI, and Integration. As shown in the table (on page 74), the framework poses guiding questions and scoring suggestions to help professionals evaluate AI tools for enterprise adoption. This tool-centric, criteria-based approach is especially useful for project managers tasked with selecting and justifying AI investments within their organizations.

Another notable feature is the book's emphasis on transformation and leadership. Chapter 6 reframes the role of project professionals, urging them to evolve into strategic AI-era leaders. Sections like "The PMO in the Age of AI" and "Reimagine Your Work and Role" go beyond tools and processes to address mindset shifts, career development, and organizational influence. This forward-looking guidance is particularly impactful for professionals seeking to stay competitive and relevant in the rapidly evolving AI workplace.

Finally, the book addresses the problem of growing AI usage, examining legal, ethical, and risk considerations that are often overlooked in mainstream project management texts. Chapters 5 and portions of Chapter 6 highlight the importance of data privacy, intellectual property, algorithmic bias, and accountability. By tackling these issues, *AI Project Power* ensures readers are not only technically equipped but also ethically and legally informed.

Highlights: What I liked!

What I liked most about *AI Project Power* is its practical, no-nonsense approach to helping project professionals understand and apply AI in real-world settings. The book doesn't just explain abstract AI concepts, but also connects them directly to project workflows, tool evaluations, and leadership strategies, which makes the content highly actionable. I especially appreciated the inclusion of frameworks like the S.E.R.I. tool evaluation model, which provides clear guidance on selecting the right AI tools based on security, ease of use, ROI, and integration. The chapters on transforming the project management role in the age of AI were also inspiring, pushing me to think beyond traditional roles and embrace innovation with confidence and purpose.

Who might benefit from the Book?

AI Project Power is ideal for project managers, team leads, PMO professionals, and organizational decision-makers seeking to understand and harness AI in their workflows. It's especially beneficial for those navigating digital transformation or aiming to future-proof their careers. Professionals in tech-driven industries, agile

environments, or enterprise settings using platforms like Microsoft Project will find the implementation strategies and tool insights highly relevant. Additionally, individuals aspiring to leadership roles in the AI era, or looking to shift from task execution to strategic innovation, will gain valuable guidance on mindset, upskilling, and ethical considerations needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving landscape.

Conclusion

AI Project Power delivers a comprehensive and forward-thinking guide for professionals eager to navigate the intersection of artificial intelligence and project management. Through a well-structured progression from foundational concepts to practical applications, the book empowers readers to not only understand AI tools but also to evaluate, implement, and lead their adoption effectively. Its use of real-world frameworks, such as the S.E.R.I. evaluation model, and detailed exploration of platforms like Microsoft Copilot make it highly practical. Equally, its emphasis on strategic leadership, transformation, and ethical considerations ensures readers are equipped for the broader implications of AI in their professional roles.

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