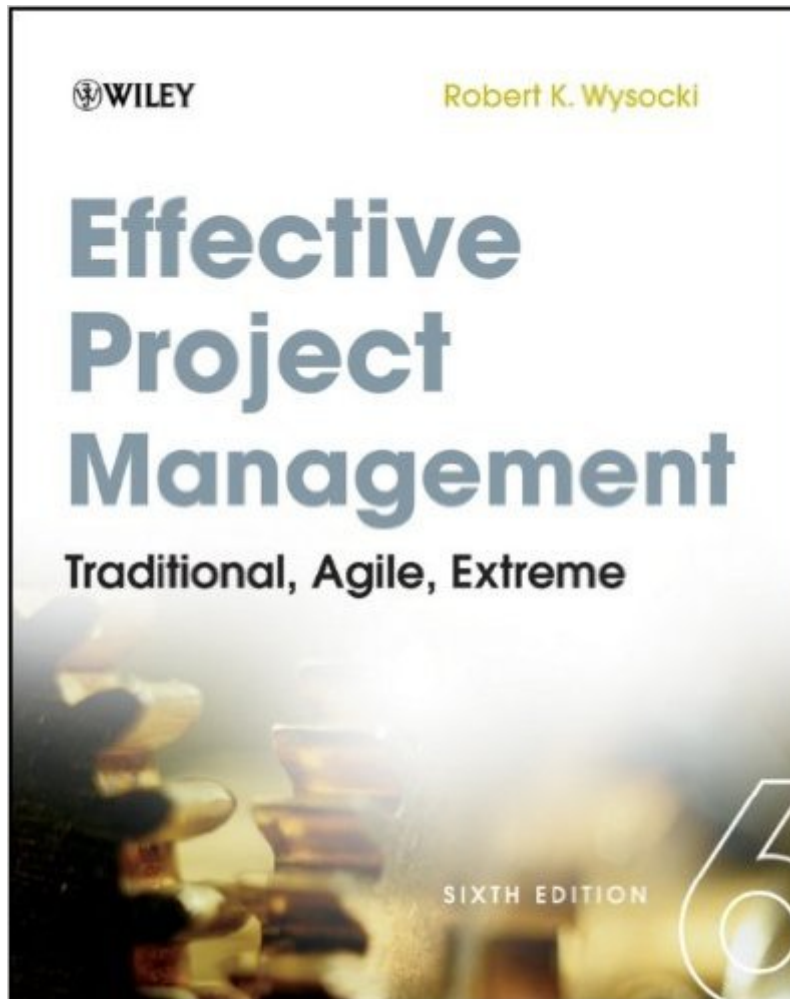


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# Effective Project Management: Traditional, Agile, Extreme



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I just completed my Project Management class in college, and it is the first time they have used the expanded version of the book (so far as I know). Robert Wysocki knows how to explain concepts deeply and thoroughly...not only will this help you prepare for your eventual PMP exam (you need 3 years Project Management experience to take that exam), but it will help you avoid the common pitfalls related to not choosing the correct management approach. Right after our finals, I spoke to a student who took this course earlier (with the older version of the book), and he was lucky enough to actually listen to Robert as visiting lecturer for one class. The man is nothing short of brilliant! This book is fantastic -- one of the true gems of my college experience. I do have 2 minor quibbles, however: 1) Robert sometimes goes into an explanation that's far too wordy. He does not confuse, but at times he tends to repeat himself -- over and over, for several pages. Not the whole book, just now and then. 2) There are no review questions of any kind. (Not even a quibble for me, but it may be for you.) At the end of each chapter are scenarios to discuss as a group, if you are so inclined. If you are using this for self-study for certification, this will very likely be a real pitfall. However, you could supplement the vast wealth of Mr. Wysocki's real-world experience with one of the exam study/cram books out there. This is not the book to "cram" for an exam. It discusses terminology and concepts, but goes into great detail about the hows/whys pros/cons of various project management approaches and processes. You must actually read! This book is in no way designed to skim or cram, and you will not be able to do that with this book (unless you already read \*this\* book and are just reviewing it). However, if you want to become a good project manager, or improve your practice, this is the best book!

I used Wysocki's 4th edition to teach my MBA courses. But the newest edition 5 is so well-written that I have expanded my use to include both undergraduate and MBA project management courses. The new edition has updated material, more useful examples and cases, plus a series of slides for the instructor. The book takes a complicated subject and breaks it down into so much detail that anyone can absorb the concepts. Nice work on the latest edition Bob!

Mr. Wysocki's has really tried hard to blow live in the dry content of PMI PMBOK. It is indeed a very good point that PMI exposition is not the last word about Project Management. However, there are a few things that have to be improved:- This book should be a multi-volume work, because of the vast concepts covered. Several times, Mr. Wysocki ends an important topic with referring to another book. Concepts like team-building, calculation of project duration, etc are core concepts and have to

be discussed in details.- The concepts has to be clarified with real-life examples. I am surprised that Mr. Wysocki did not include good examples of his own 45+ years PM experience. Moreover, Mr. Wysocki has also mentioned that he has interviewed 10000 Project Managers. It is clear that there are many good real-life examples available.- His view of Project Management/Business Analyst is unclear and needs more elaboration. The same is also true for Project Management/System Analyst combination.- Mr. Wysocki introduces 4 PMLCs: Traditional, Agile, Extreme and Emertxe. I do believe that traditional PMLC can be included in Agile. This PMLC is a special case where number of iteration is 1. I have difficulty to envisage a project without goals or solution and without time and finance constraints. All business people that I have met so far are so sensitive about financials and ROI. I believe by addition of another process group to those already defined by PMI, the issue of Extreme and Emertxe can be resolved. Apparently, PMI defined Scoping Process Group does not suffice for this task.- I found the structure in each chapter confusing. Sometimes I lost the thread and have to go back and forth in order to find out which topic has been discussed?Readability of this book is much higher than PMBok and I recommend this book to anyone that wish to have an introduction to project management concepts.

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