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Discover exciting "behind-the-scenes" opportunities and challenges in technology today with Schwalbe's unique INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT MANAGEMENT, REVISED 7E. This one-of-a-kind book demonstrates the principles distinctive to managing information technology (IT) projects that extend well beyond standard project management requirements. No book offers more up-to-the minute insights and software tools for IT project management success, including updates that reflect the latest PMBOK Guide, 5th edition, the global standard for managing projects and earning certification. The book weaves today's theory with successful practices for an understandable, integrated presentation that focuses on the concepts, tools, and techniques that are most effective today. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT MANAGEMENT is the only book to apply all ten project management knowledge areas to IT projects. You master skills in project integration, scope, time, cost, quality, human resource, communications, risk, procurement, and stakeholder management as well as all five process groups--initiating, planning, executing, monitoring and controlling, and closing. Intriguing examples from familiar companies featured in today's news, a new Agile case, opportunities with MindView software, and a new chapter on project stakeholder management further ensure you are equipped to manage information technology projects with success. The REVISED Seventh Edition has updated Appendix A for Microsoft Project 2013.

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Customer Reviews

As a professor in the Department of Business Administration at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Dr. Kathy Schwalbe teaches courses in project management, problem solving for business, systems analysis and design, information systems projects, and strategic technology. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Minnesota, where she taught a graduate-level course in project management in the engineering department. A frequently requested speaker and consultant, Dr. Schwalbe provides training and consulting services to numerous organizations and addresses professionals at several conferences each year.

This book has been great so far! We're using it as a school book for a project management class for GIS. It's step by step approach to explaining the process as a whole has been great and breaks the material up into "bite sized pieces". The examples are clear, the case studies (given at the beginning and end of the chapter, usually expanded upon at some point in the middle as well) are always on-point and help to flesh out the material. The examples for various documents such as Project Charters, Work Breakdown Structures, Project Scope Statements, and Gandt charts have been clear and easy to read. It has definitely made understanding our assignments (planning a hypothetical project) much easier to understand. I'd recommend it and I look forward to hanging onto this as a desk reference once my class is over! Edit: One thing I wanted to add is that I purchased a new copy in part because of the Microsoft Project trial that I would need. I hadn't realized that a free trial is readily available on the Microsoft website! D'oh! So buy used if you want and you won't be missing out on that aspect.

So I have read Kathy's books through the years especially when I want to brush up on PMP terminology and moving into a Project Management role. It's a good read and she does more than just regurgitate the PMI PMBOK but instead has good examples, stories from actual events, and how reality works in Project Management. I took a star away as you simply do not need the versions. I bought the 7th edition which in studying for the PMP was good enough. I do not know if college professors (I think she retired) feel obligated to write a new edition every two years but does material really change that often? I ask that about Calculus books as well which are extremely overpriced. There is not that much innovation in Calculus or Project Management (unless PMI comes out with a new PMBOK). So overall recommend but get this version, or current version -1 and you will learn a lot.

The digital version works just fine on Kindle HDX (I know this model operates differently than others). Obviously, there is no disk. As far as I understand, the disk gives you 90 days of MS Project. Digging into the appendix, the reader is encouraged to download the trial version of MS project from the website, which is a 60 day trial- the 60 day mark is (sadly) 7 days short of the length of my course. It would be nice if the digital version had a 90-day key in the beginning of the book for those of us that are trying to be eco-friendly students that do not wish to use a book/CD/shipping/etc. I'll update in a few weeks once I have dug into this book a bit...

There is a lot of great information and resources in this book. Kathy Schwalbe is obviously experienced, and provides a good intro for the person with no PM experience. However, I find the amount of jargon to be extremely frustrating. In true business form, known terms for tools and processes are interchanged with savvy business talk, making it much more difficult than necessary to follow the discussion. I think that the wordiness increases the length of the chapters noticeably, which is also unnecessary. Maybe those with more of a business background will enjoy the writing style more!

You are only getting the textbook, and that's it. There is supposed to be a course access code along with a trial copy of Microsoft Project 2013, but neither of those items come with this book, even when you buy it new. Meanwhile, if all you need is just the textbook, you can find it used elsewhere for a lot cheaper. There is no point to this item at all, which is why I give it 1/5 stars.

I purchased this book to increase my knowledge of project management for the ANCC Informatics Nurse certification exam. In a nutshell, this book references PMBOK as it relates and is applied to IT projects. It's good reading. I purchased this book because it was way better priced than the "real" one. The text and illustrations are in black and white (no color images). The condition of the book was excellent for being a used book. I have zero regrets of purchasing this book and would definitely recommend it especially to those desiring to save money.

So far a good book. This is a text for one of my college classes so it's "required reading." The information is straight forward and the examples (especially the Quick Quiz with answers) are helping. Though I do wish they put the answers at the back. I find myself having to put a bit of paper over the answers to avoid glancing down.

Not a terrible read, some great information necessary for class and overall not difficult to understand. Easy to follow and helpful as a guide during class discussions

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