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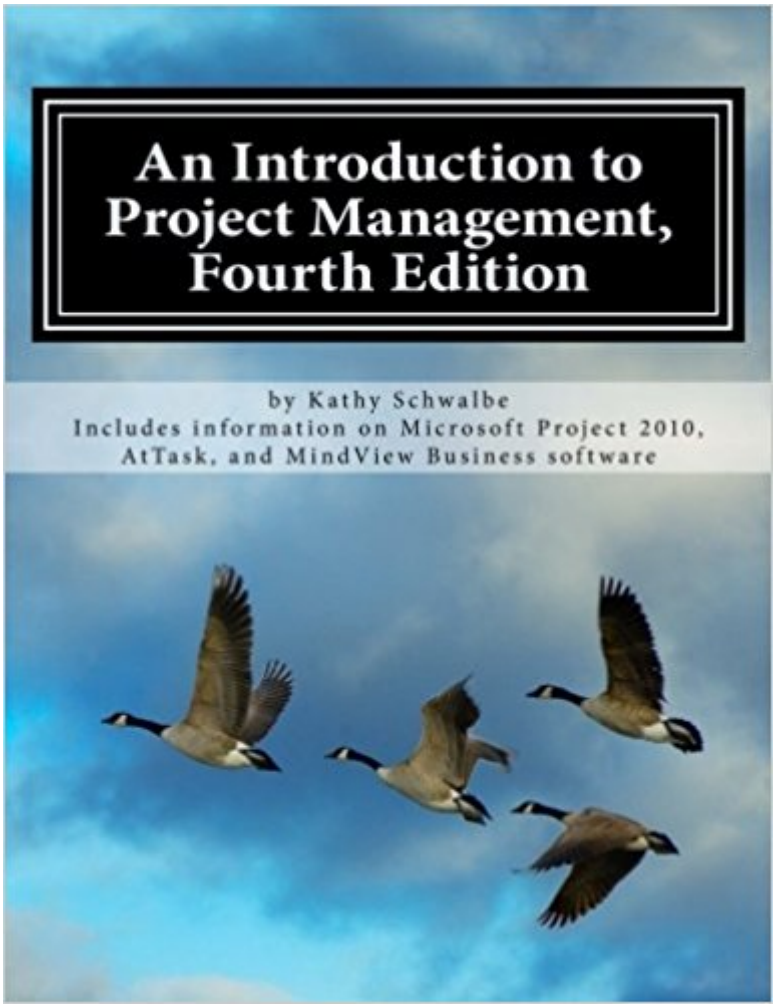

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Synopsis

The fourth edition of An Introduction to Project Management includes changes based on the PMBOK Guide, Fifth Edition (2013). Note that a revised edition is available with Project 2013 instructions. Other features: Includes a guide for using Microsoft Project 2010. Provides a special 60-day free trial of MatchWare's MindView Business software (www.matchware.com/intropm), an integrated tool to create mind maps, Gantt charts, and other project documents. Includes information on AtTask, a leading web-based project management tool, and a guide for using this powerful software for portfolio optimization. Includes features in each chapter providing real-world examples and references, including Opening Cases and Case Wrap-Ups, examples of What Went Right, What Went Wrong, Media Snapshots, Best Practices, and a new feature with Video Highlights related to project management. Appendix C, Resources, provides case studies where students can apply various tools and techniques plus information on simulation software and project management certifications. Web site includes easy access to online quizzes, Jeopardy-like games, template files, Project 2010 files, links to sites mentioned in the text, and much more. Visit www.intropm.com.

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It's a pretty dense topic to break into as a beginner. I feel like this book does what it can to simplify things while still giving tons of detail but doesn't fully succeed in giving you a clear checklist or flowchart to take away. Its still a comprehensive overview of project management and if you study it you will at least come away with a useful general knowledge.

The ebook version of this textbook does not use pages. It uses locations instead, which makes assignments more difficult. My instructor references pages for assignments in the syllabus. Locations force you to search for figures mentioned in a assignment instead of being able to find a specific page. The search feature does not provide positive results for every search. I recently was burned on an assignment that referenced page 172, figure 4-30. I could not find page 172 because of the locations and was unable to find figure 4-30 using the search feature. Figure 4-30 was buried in within the text of a review at the end of the chapter. I am still taking the class and have purchased the paperback version of the book.

The 'Revised An Introduction to Project Management' is a great reference book for project manager and anyone who might be interest in this area. I like the level of detail about each topic and the examples provided,The only issue that I had was I purchase the digital version for my Samsung tablet, which meant I had to install the KIndle product. This was ok except there were no page numbers. As a result, I had to purchase the hard copy which was an added expense that I had not anticipated.

Since I passed the class, I'm going to go ahead and say that it did its job.

The information is all there, but there are no page numbers to follow class instructions (I had an assignment for class, the instructions was too follow pages and work thru the steps and take a snap shot of what was completed) It is hard to follow without page numbers.If there was a way to read it like the book, showing a full page at a time.Hope this was helpful...

great book, but our professor was so great that I felt like I didnt need it.

Needed for a class, but kept after. Good quality, informative book you will want to keep and study after school.

I bought this for a PM class. I like the level of detail and examples. It doesn't go into mind numbing detail but topics are addressed multiple times throughout the text. Nice flow. It uses one project as the primary example but there are other examples which are helpful.

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