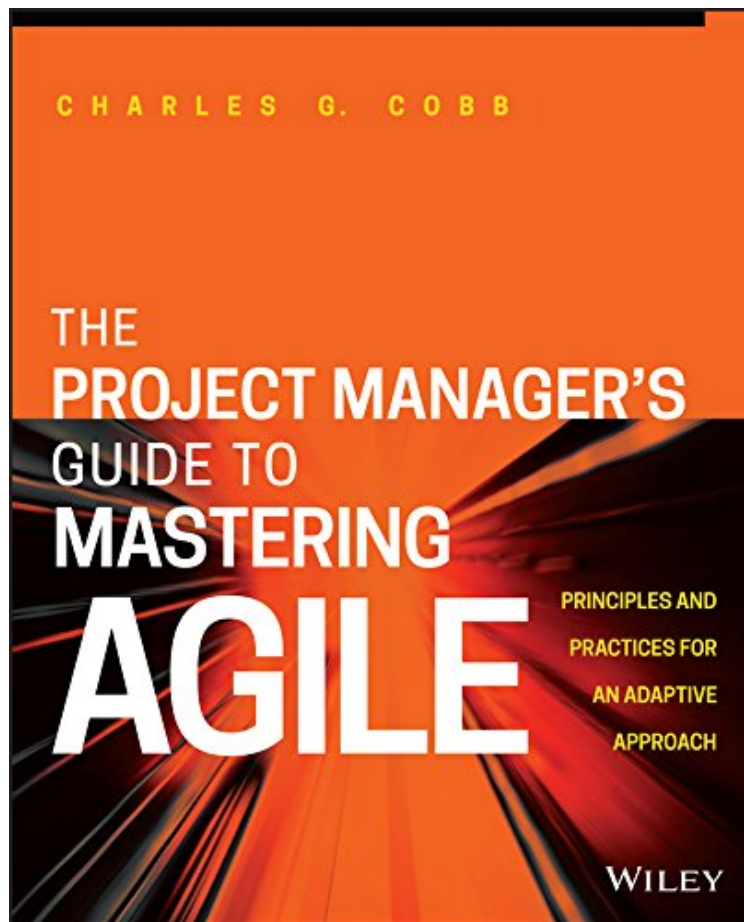


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book provides a high-level overview chapter, which is helpful to those completely unfamiliar with these process. I work in a 40,000 employee company and we have a lot of employees with the role, title and/or certification of project manager. Yet, most can't get the job done and get hung up with all the documentation and task tracking responsibilities in place of actually driving a project to completion. What I like about this bridging between waterfall and agile, is the author is clear how documentation is less important and how a person should/could facilitate more (drive/lead the project less) in order to get the project complete. I also really liked the case studies. Not just the typical "successful" case studies, but there is a chapter on the not so successful. OVERALL: If you are looking to better understand Agile and already have some project management experience, this is a good book that covers a lot of areas and ties your experiences together. If you are not familiar with Agile, you could just get a book on Agile and jump with both feet in. This is what I did and now I'm a PSM/CSM (certified scrum master). But this is the first book I've found that helps take familiar waterfall methods and quantify what changes you need to make to start your transition, or your team's transition to Agile. . . if/when Agile makes more sense for your business. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. But now I find myself so hypersensitive to the books' flaws from content accuracy to poor grammar and sentence structure. By Christopher L. Hurney I am astonished by the high reviews of this book. Perhaps it is unfair of me to compose a review after having only read two chapters. But now I find myself so hypersensitive to the books' flaws from content accuracy to poor grammar and sentence structure, that it is becoming difficult for me to focus on the message. I'm a fairly seasoned agile coach, taking some courses to achieve a certification mostly as a resume builder. Therefore a lot of the content in the courses I am taking a review for me, however I am learning some new concepts and having my mind opened to other possibilities and approaches. But this book is not doing that for me at all. The author has an awkward way of forming sentences. Sometimes the repeating the same core concept three and four times within a single long run on sentence. Even the worse, sometimes contradicting himself within the same sentence. He has also, in the span of two short chapters, already stated some things as absolute fact, which are in reality highly arguable. I'm sure the author is probably a skilled practitioner of organizational agility, but this is a very poorly written a book.

Streamline project workflow with expert agile implementation The Project Management Profession is beginning to go through rapid and profound transformation due to the widespread adoption of agile methodologies. Those changes are likely to dramatically change the role of project managers in many environments as we have known them and raise the bar for the entire project management profession; however, we are in the early stages of that transformation and there is a lot of confusion about the impact it has on project managers: There are many stereotypes and misconceptions that exist about both Agile and traditional plan-driven project management, Agile and traditional project management principles and practices are treated as separate and independent domains of knowledge with little or no integration between the two and sometimes seen as in conflict with each other. Agile and "Waterfall" are thought of as two binary, mutually-exclusive choices and companies sometimes try to force-fit their business and projects to one of those extremes when the right solution is to fit the approach to the project. It's no wonder that many Project Managers might be confused by all of this! This book will help project managers unravel a lot of the confusion that exists; develop a totally new perspective to see Agile and traditional plan-driven project management principles and practices in a new light as complementary to each other rather than competitive; and learn to develop an adaptive approach to blend those principles and practices together in the right proportions to fit any situation. There are many books on Agile and many books on traditional project management but what's unique about this book is that it takes an objective approach to help you understand the strengths and weaknesses of both of those areas to see how they can work synergistically to improve project outcomes in any project. The book includes discussion topics, real world case studies, and sample enterprise-level agile frameworks that facilitate hands-on learning as well as an in-depth discussion of the principles behind both Agile and traditional plan-driven project management practices to provide a more thorough level of understanding.

From the Back Cover CUT THROUGH THE CONFUSION TO DISCOVER AN ADAPTIVE, AGILE APPROACH TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR IMPROVED PROJECT OUTCOMES The widespread adoption of agile methodologies is challenging the traditional definition of project management. The Project Manager's Guide to Mastering Agile is a clear, comprehensive manual for blending traditional project management with agile principles and practices for improved outcomes. Project managers will find actionable insights in this book which: Features in-depth discussion of the principles behind agile and traditional plan-driven project management practice Objectively covers the strengths and weaknesses of both agile and traditional plan-driven approaches and how to blend them to fit any situation and improve project outcomes Provides discussion topics, real world case studies, and sample enterprise-level agile frameworks that facilitate hands-on learning The Project Manager's Guide to Mastering Agile book will help you develop a more adaptive approach that works with agile to improve time-to-market, collaboration, communication, and ultimately, project outcomes. For a stronger grasp on using agile to improve project efficiency and results, The Project Manager's Guide to Mastering Agile provides new insights that make project managers more

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