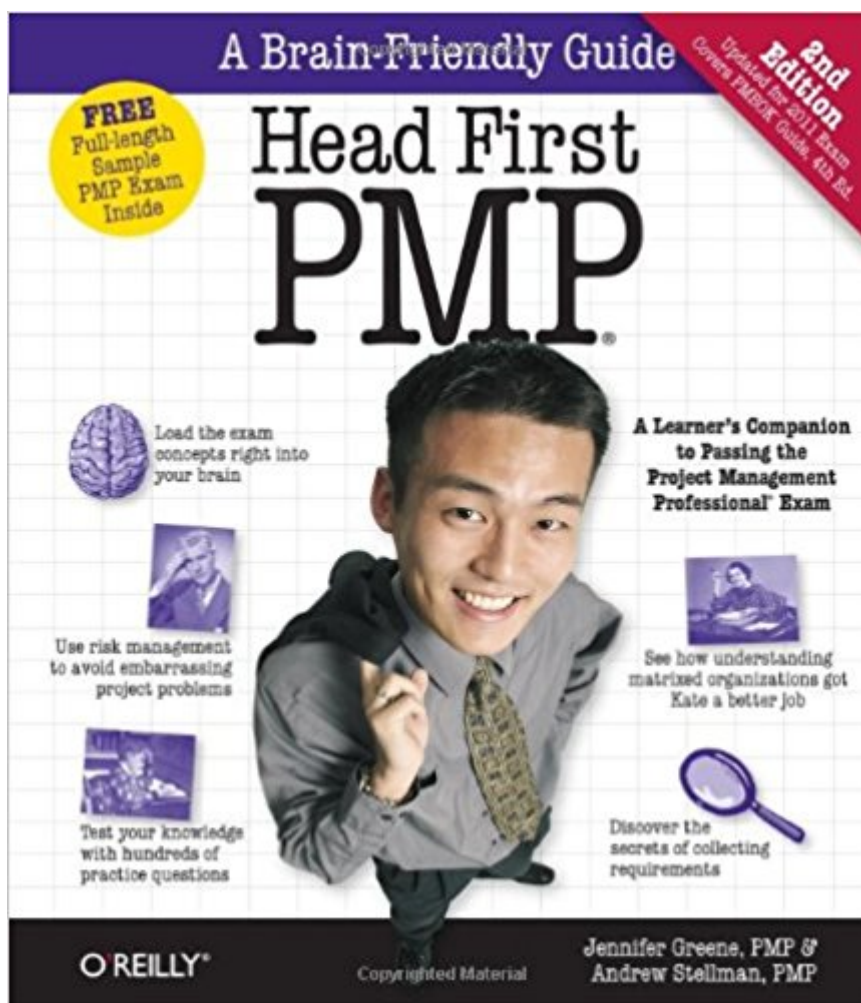


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Head First PMP: A Brain-Friendly Guide To Passing The Project Management Professional Exam



Synopsis

Learn the latest principles and certification objectives in The PMBOK Guide, Fourth Edition, in a unique and inspiring way with Head First PMP . The second edition of this book helps you prepare for the PMP certification exam using a visually rich format designed for the way your brain works. You'll find a full-length sample exam included inside the book. More than just proof of passing a test, a PMP certification means that you have the knowledge to solve most common project problems. But studying for a difficult four-hour exam on project management isn't easy, even for experienced project managers. Drawing on the latest research in neurobiology, cognitive science, and learning theory, Head First PMP offers you a multi-sensory experience that helps the material stick, not a text-heavy approach that puts you to sleep. This book will help you: Learn PMP's underlying concepts to help you understand the PMBOK principles and pass the certification exam with flying colors Get 100% coverage of the latest principles and certification objectives in The PMBOK Guide, Fourth Edition, including two new processes: Collect Requirements and Identify Stakeholders Make use of a thorough and effective preparation guide with hundreds of practice questions and exam strategies Explore the material through puzzles, games, problems, and exercises that make learning easy and entertaining Head First PMP puts project management principles into context to help you understand, remember, and apply them -- not just on the exam, but also on the job.

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Customer Reviews

Jennifer Greene, has spent the past 15 years or so building software for many different kinds of companies. She's worked for small start-ups and some huge companies along the way. She's built software test teams and helped lots of companies diagnose and deal with habitual process problems so that they could build better software. Since her start in software test and process definition, she's branched out into development management and project management. She's currently managing a big development team for a global media company and she's managed just about every aspect of software development through her career. Jennifer founded Stellman & Greene Consulting with Andrew Stellman in 2003, initially to serve the scientific and academic community. They have worked in a wide range of industries including finance, telecommunications, media, non-profit, entertainment, natural language processing, science and academia. They do speaking engagements, provide training on development practices, manage teams, and build software. Together, they've written two highly acclaimed books on project management (Head First PMP and Applied Software Project Management), Head First C#, and most recently just finished up Beautiful Teams. For more information about Jennifer, Andrew Stellman, and their books, visit <http://www.stellman-greene.com>. Andrew Stellman, despite being raised a New Yorker, has lived in Pittsburgh twice. The first time was when he graduated from Carnegie Mellon's School of Computer Science, and then again when he and Jenny were starting their consulting business and writing their first project management book for O'Reilly. When he moved back to his hometown, his first job after college was as a programmer at EMI-Capitol Records--which actually made sense, since he went to LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and the Performing Arts to study cello and jazz bass guitar. He and Jenny first worked together at that same financial software company, where he was managing a team of programmers. He's since managed various teams of software engineers, requirements analysts, and led process improvement efforts. Andrew keeps himself busy eating an enormous amount of string cheese and Middle Eastern desserts, playing music (but video games even more), studying taiji and aikido, having a girlfriend named Lisa, and owing a pomeranian. For more information about Andrew, Jennifer Greene, and their books, visit <http://www.stellman-greene.com>.

If you are planning on buying this book, you are probably aspiring/preparing for PMP. I did the same couple of months earlier and glad my plan and effort was helpful. I was suggested this book by one of my friend. It provides the highlights and good overview of the PMP certification. You will have to go through this book once to get a fair idea about the topic. If you are planning to take up PMP and complete it seriously, you will have to spend atleast 3 - 4 months of rigorous effort. Be aware that

your best chance of completing is the first try. Give your best and understand the concepts. If you don't get it right first time, put more time and effort. 1st step: Head First PMP - This is an easy book to study and helps grasp high level overview and concepts. 2nd step: Rita Mulcahy - Go through once. You have to complete the exercises and questions at end of each chapter to get familiarity with the kind of questions. 3rd step : PMBOK - Go through once concentrate on concepts, definitions and terminologies. 4th step: You should now start going through sample questions through various websites. Make note of your weak areas. 5th step: Rita Mulcahy - Now concentrate more on topics which you are weak and glance through others. 6th step: PMBOK - Now concentrate more on topics which you are weak and glance through others. 7th step: Take PMStudy 4 sets of 200 questions each for 12 days and find out what kind of questions you need to concentrate. Good Luck with your preparation.

Overview:-----I just passed the PMP exam -- 4th edition of the PMBOK based. The test does require quite a bit of preparation. I have many years of project management experience, so I have a strong practical background. The PMBOK covers a very large body of material which is summarized at a high level in the PMBOK. You must have a combination of practical experience and extensive book knowledge of the PMBOK to pass the exam. I would start with this book before reading the PMBOK material. The approach in the book is very effective and gives you a very solid overview of the key PMBOK items. After studying this book and doing the practice test in the back, I would then suggest that you go over the PMBOK 4th edition several times followed by doing a lot of practice tests. Practice tests are critical so you can figure out how to properly interpret what the question is asking. Approach:-----The book uses a series of techniques -- stories, use cases, crossword puzzles, flash card type quizzes (a range of mnemonic tricks). It may seem a bit odd but it does really work. The reason why I say start with this book is that you need to have solid overview of all the subject areas and processes before you try to connect lots of detailed information that makes up the PMBOK knowledge space. There are many other books out there to study for the PMP exam. But, if the book does not take a top-down approach, you can very quickly get confused with the PMBOK terminology and processes. There is a large amount of information available on the internet. When you are taking the practice tests, you should make a list of any terms you are not familiar with and then look them up later. This is a very helpful way to get a feel for the scope and level of detail that you need to know about items defined in the PMBOK and project management world.

Love HF PMP. I originally purchased an audio/video PM Series to study, but that didn't help. Then, I

read the PMBOK. That was like trying to study encyclopedic concepts from a dictionary, one word at a time. "Headfirst PMP" gave me concrete examples that I could understand and follow. I found that I automatically understood the material ... but most importantly, I understood why the PMBOK material was laid out the way it is. The process to PMP that worked for me was: 1) Read HF PMP and do ALL exercises 2) Read the PMBOK 3) Take a 200 question practice test 4) Note the areas you had problems with, both what you got wrong and what you didn't immediately understand. 4) Re-read HF PMP and re-do ALL exercises (I bought a new copy to re-do the exercises. I found it well worth the investment!) 5) Re-read the PMBOK 6) Take 3 200 question practice tests on successive days 7) Study any material you didn't immediately know from any of the tests 8) Take the test as soon as possible. I was able to do this in 3 weeks. Passed with above-average competency. Good luck.

I have been PMP certified recently. PMP certification really needs a lot of work. I first took my official training hours. However I felt as if "lost in space" after that training. It included lots of definitions and processes but no real business matter know how. Studying for PMP seemed to me like a lot of work to do. Then I got "Head First PMP" book. This was really a turning point for me. Reading this book was a real joy. It taught me the underlying concepts in such an interesting way and helped me gain a lot of knowledge. It has a special way of getting information to stick in your mind "just as promised by the authors". I got several books later just to make sure I got everything right. I got the Andy Crew book which was a good one too. I got the PMBOK guide and Rita's book. However though they were good none of them was as good and as interesting to read as the Head First PMP. I really recommend this should be the first book to read. It's just WONDERFUL. I want to thank the Head First team for their wonderful effort. I fell in love with this series of books that I bought 4 other Head First books. Thank you

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