

Management Consulting Delivering An Effective Project 4th Edition

"Value nets are digital powerhouses that fuel business results."-From the Foreword by Adrian Slywotzky If you have ever ordered a computer over the Internet and been amazed that a product built to your exact specifications could arrive at your door within days, or if your business's competition is suddenly gaining share by delivering custom-designed merchandise faster and more reliably than you can, you need to read Value Nets. Enlightened managers around the world are learning that the supply chain can be a bountiful source of profitable growth, increased market share, and shareholder value. Value Nets: Breaking the Supply Chain to Unlock Hidden Profits shows you how to release the value hidden in supply chain operations through new digital networked solutions. Value Nets introduces you to a new form of business design built around superb supply chain performance in the e-commerce world. This design enables any company to do far more with the supply chain than simply control costs. It provides a basis for true differentiation in the marketplace and gives you the power to deliver first-rate service and customized products to customers in ways that delight them and keep them coming back for more. Using numerous powerful case studies and examples from companies that have adopted value net design-Gateway, Cisco Systems, Cemex, Biogen, Zara, and dozens more-the authors demonstrate how value nets bridge the gap between the executive culture of strategy and business reinvention and the operational world of procurement, manufacturing, and logistics. They introduce the new concept of value nets and offer compelling evidence of their outstanding results. They also explain the five elements of value net creation, supplying specific examples from companies that have built value nets and showing how the new design helped these companies achieve superior profitability and customer satisfaction. Complete with an appendix that helps you think through the applicability of value nets to your company, Value Nets delivers everything you need to understand and implement this remarkable new business design. It captures the creativity of today's most effective business model and puts its power where it will do the most good-right in the palm of your hand. As one of the world's premier corporate strategy firms, MERCER MANAGEMENT CONSULTING helps leading enterprises achieve sustained shareholder value growth through the development and implementation of customer-focused business designs. Mercer's thought leadership on the topic of value growth is evident in four agenda-setting books published in the past four years: Profit Patterns, The Profit Zone, Value Migration, and Grow to Be Great. The firm serves clients from twenty offices in the Americas, Europe, and Asia."Value Nets exposes the supply chain for what it really is--a strategic differentiator. Reading about the success of Apple Computer, Zara, et al., will convince you that the time to take action is now!"-H. Lee Scott, President and CEO, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. "Our experience is proof that the ideas presented in Value Nets work. Agile, networked operations help us deliver superb service to our customers and drive shareholder value as well."-James Mullen, President and COO, Biogen, Inc. "Value Nets takes supply chain management to the next frontier. CEOs will find it extremely helpful in their quest to provide better service and reduce cost by meeting unique customer requirements."-William "Gus" Pagonis, Retired Lt. Gen., U.S. Army Executive Vice President of Logistics, Sears, Roebuck and Company "Value Nets brings new concepts and a road map for competitive

from varied backgrounds. Larger Indian as well as international corporations would also find these experiences helpful in getting assignments and in their actual implementation in the local Indian conditions.

Gain consulting insights into business decision making in today's environment Business and Management Consulting, 6th Edition, by Wickham and Wilcock, was first published as Management Consulting over 20 years ago to guide students through the consultancy process. This new, renamed edition reflects the way in which the consulting world has changed over the past two decades. New digital technologies have made information more accessible and changed the way businesses operate in today's faster-paced, more volatile environment, so management consultants need to have a wider view of their client company. Management consulting remains a popular career choice but undertaking a consulting project for the first time can seem daunting. This book continues to offer a practical guide to balancing theory and practice, while also giving tips and techniques to the more seasoned practitioner, so it is ideal for anyone who is undertaking a consulting project. This is delivered from the accumulated knowledge and insight of the authors and contributors, who all have been consultants. Pearson, the world's learning company. This book publicizes the winning case studies from the annual BPM awards. Now in their 19th year, the Global Awards for Excellence in BPM and Workflow recognize organizations that excel in implementing innovative Business Process Management solutions to meet strategic business objectives.

Management consulting remains a popular career choice but undertaking a consulting project for the first time can seem daunting for the student or new professional. This book, now in its fifth edition, aims specifically to guide students through the consultancy process, while also giving tips and techniques to the more seasoned practitioner. This is delivered from the accumulated knowledge and insight of the authors and contributors, who all have been consultants. This fifth edition has been thoroughly revised to reflect today's dynamic business environment. The impact of new digital technologies on consulting and business in general, and the use of evidence, gained through studies on consulting, are considered. It provides a careful balance between theory and practice and is ideal for anyone who is undertaking a consulting project. Key features A comprehensive introduction to the best practice in conducting a consulting project. Key insights into how best to tackle the challenges that arise. Case studies from across a wide range of industries at the end of each chapter and a long case study running throughout the book. Help in choosing and developing a career in consultancy. Extensive references and further reading to underpin a student's knowledge. New to this edition Further links to theories developed in other courses such as strategy and management. In the Preface, several 'pathways' are provided for the different types of project a student may be required to undertake, taking into account their academic level and previous experience. Throughout the chapters, the key ideas are highlighted to aid the reader in navigating the book. New case exercises, based on real consulting projects, to put tools and techniques into practice, including a new long case study on a strategic review for a company. Louise Wickham is the Director of Wickham Consulting Services Ltd and a practising consultant specialising in strategy and marketing. She has over 30 years business experience, both within companies and as a consultant, working for a wide range of consumer-facing businesses and the not-for-profit sector. Jeremy Wilcock is the Business Engagement Manager at the Business School, University of Hull. He has 27 years industrial experience with a major multi-national where he worked on numerous internal consultancy projects. He has lectured regularly in strategic management and business analysis at undergraduate and postgraduate level, and has supervised student consulting projects.

The PMO Playbook: Effective Phase Exits has valuable information contributes to improving the execution of the portfolio roadmap. This book provides an overarching framework for effective phase exits accompanied with the detailed "how to" by each phase and by role enabling program managers to bring products to market consistently. It contains checklists, questions, and process flows as a reminder of what needs to be considered. It also combines information for program managers, functional managers, executives, and customers into a single package they can apply directly. This book should be used with The PMO Playbook: Effective Phase Exit Templates. The author tackles the challenge of teaching the framework so those involved in bringing new products to market such as PMOs or senior program management professionals can plan and execute effectively. The PMO Playbook: Effective Phase Exits provides a baseline and framework to overcome the following challenges:

- o Strategy: Provides the vision, objectives, and context between a company's PLM (Product Lifecycle Management) framework, PLC (Product Lifecycle) process, roles and responsibilities as it relates to phase exits.
- o Roles and Responsibilities: Provides guidance for Product Team organizations and defines roles and responsibilities for individuals involved with product development and deployment (such as a Product Team, Product Approval Committee)
- o Phase Exit Review: Provides guidelines for the recommended Phase Exit Review process and outlines recommended review content for each Phase Exit Review.
- o Phase Exit Approval: Provides the guidelines for simplification of Phase Exit Review and Approval process.
- o PLC (Product Lifecycle) or PLM (Product Lifecycle Management): While this playbook makes references to a product lifecycle process or a product lifecycle management framework, it will not address it. Any references to a company's PLC or PLM are for context purposes only as it relates to phase exits.

Whether you are currently a program manager or you are thinking of a career in program management, this book has the practical framework you need for new product introduction and obsolescence. It explains what is required for each process phase, who owns the deliverable and when and how often the PMO organization should check in with the executives.

Provide organized, efficient, relevant consulting with lasting value Maximizing the Value of Consulting is an indispensable, practical guide for managing, measuring, and delivering the results that make internal and external consulting a lasting value to clients and the company. Sponsored by the ROI Institute and the Association of Internal Management Consultants, this book provides a roadmap to relevance for consultants operating in the increasingly fast-paced, changing, dynamic environment. Readers will learn how to use resources properly and manage the investment efficiently, while truly connecting to the business, securing appropriate levels of commitment, and providing adequate levels of support. Detailed coverage includes guidance toward calculating the value of consulting in terms that executives understand, including business impact and ROI, and using the appropriate tools to show how things are working throughout the process. Whether organizations are using internal or external consultants, or both, consultants can provide better value to the company. Consultants are needed to provide advice, support, and insight into the processes undertaken to improve the business, and integrate the input of different functional units into a more streamlined strategy. This book is designed to help consultants provide the utmost value to clients by maximizing organization, efficiency, and ultimately, ROI. Manage for value with better organization and cost control Set objectives at multiple levels to deliver useful results Measure implementation, impact, ROI, and intangibles Use final results to drive appropriate actions, creating lasting value The skyrocketing need for internal and external consultants will continue, in almost every functional area ranging from HR and technology, to auditing and risk management. Maximizing the Value of Consulting provides a manual for relevant, value-driven consulting, with world-renowned expert insight.

Almost all higher educational institutions have built some kind of fieldwork project into the advanced stages of their programmes and the

research project should integrate theory, practice, knowledge and skills. Students should be able to apply their acquired knowledge and understanding in a manner that indicates a professional approach to their work or vocation, and have the ability to integrate knowledge and handle complexity, and formulate judgements with incomplete or limited information. It is important that they can communicate their conclusions and the knowledge and rationale underpinning these to specialist and non-specialist audiences clearly and unambiguously. Business Research Projects offers the reader a comprehensive framework for going through the successive process steps of the fieldwork project. There is a logbook which provides for each of the ten steps a checklist enabling students to document the progress of their projects and communicate about the project with their coaches and supervisors. Successful projects require specific process knowledge and skills:

- Recognition and description of an organisational problem.
- Design and organisation of a research project.
- Communication with people on different levels within the organisation.
- Interviewing, listening, negotiating, giving presentations, persuading people.
- Project management.
- Developing solutions in collaboration with people in the organisation.
- Implementation of accepted solutions.

This is the ideal companion for those needing guidance when carrying out a research project in a management or a business-related subject. The text is succinct and concise, written with modular courses in mind for the reader to quickly gain an overall perspective of the fundamental areas and identify the key points that need to be addressed. This clear and practical book also covers the requirements of more general areas of business research and consultancy. New to this edition is a chapter devoted to the analysis of qualitative data - an area many students find they want to focus on. A new accompanying student website also gives practical guidance on some of the problems students face: assistance with writing a research proposal; the structure of a dissertation; collecting data - how much is enough; citing references; links to other resources. Dissertations and projects form an integral part of many MBA and degree programmes and this text is invaluable when tackling this area for the first time. The authors approach the research task in a step-by-step manner, covering areas such as data collection, observational methods, and data analysis.

Widely recognized as a key reference work on the practice of consulting, this guide offers an extensive introduction to professional consulting, its nature, methods, organizational principles, behavioral rules, and training and development practices. Today's information- and knowledge-based economy is constantly creating new opportunities and challenges for consultants. This new edition of Management Consulting actively reflects and confronts these developments and changes. New topics covered in this edition include: e-business consulting consulting in knowledge management total quality management corporate governance social role and responsibility of business company transformation and renewal public administration This book serves as a useful and inspiring tool for individuals and organizations wishing to improve their consulting activities. Praise for the previous edition: "A wealth of information about the nature and purpose of management consulting, consulting in various areas and the management of a consulting firm. It should help practitioners, entrants to the profession and business people wishing to use consultants more effectively."--Financial Times

This exciting Handbook offers a broad perspective on the intriguing phenomena of power, influence and politics in the modern workplace, their meaning for individuals, groups and other organizational stakeholders, and their effect on organizational outcomes and performances. The contributors illustrate the fact that organizational politics has many facets and definitions, all relating to the use of personal or aggregate power in influencing others and better achieving goals in the workplace. However, politics in organizations is difficult to study, as neither employees nor management are keen to divulge the political secrets and dynamics that help them to promote their own ideas and goals and to advance in the workplace. In the face of this challenge, the Handbook presents a comprehensive collection of original studies and

theoretical discussions from across the globe. Providing a starting point for new research in the area, issues dealt with include: politics, personality and leadership ethics, fairness and prospects of trust in workplace politics organizational politics and employees well-being strategy, change and decision-making as a political process human resource management and consulting in a political sphere. Offering a fresh and up-to-date take on the topic, this highly original Handbook will be a fascinating read for academics, students and researchers in the fields of management and organizational behavior. The wide range of perspectives presented in this book, written by some of the leading scholars and researchers in the field, will also be invaluable to practitioners in management and to individuals in organizations who require a better understanding of the meaning of power and influence in the modern workplace.

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A guide to current best practice and new thinking at all levels, and a directory of the wide-ranging sources of information and support available to anyone involved in human resource development. This revised edition covers new trends, preparing for future skills requirements and applications. The directory gives key contact details and specialisms of over a thousand organizations which offer information and services in the following categories: functional skills; organizational skills; personal skills; trainer support services; equipment and materials; and qualifications and standards.

The second book in the Essential Tools For series... on the topic of Management Consulting Based on Simon Burtonshaw-Gunn's successful The Essential Management Toolbox, this book focuses in greater depth on the topic of Management Consulting. This second book looks at how a management consultant needs to think, view and analyse the workings of an existing organisation in order to efficiently and effectively work to improve the issues facing a business. Check out the new series website featuring sample chapters, tool of the month and solve your management problems by talking direct to the author www.essentialtoolsseries.com Second title in a new series that expands on the information in Simon Burtonshaw-Gunn's The Essential Toolbox This volume includes 30% new material in the form of new tools and techniques for guiding consultants Covers: Development of Management Consultancy; Problem resolution and Decision Making; Top 10 Tools for Consultancy Interventions; Consultancy delivery and Facilitation; Consultancy Governance and Ethics Active author, Simon Burtonshaw-Gunn speaks regularly Easy to use practical tools and techniques guiding the consultant and business person through their organisational conflicts About the Author: Simon Burtonshaw-Gunn is a practising management consultant with over 30 years experience in both the public and private sectors and covering a range of organizations and industries. He holds two Master's degrees and a PhD in various Strategic Management

topics. This second book includes a forward by Malik Salameh.

The Consulting Apprenticeship is written for business professionals and consultants with a focus on nuances passed on during apprenticeship regarding consulting delivery. Business professionals can benefit with a jump-start approach to applying consulting principles to their business. Designed for the busy professional, The Consulting Apprenticeship is a book of forty, quick-read ideas. These forty, short chapters are divided into four sections: Consulting Mindset - This section covers consulting ways of thinking and can be adopted by both company personnel and consultants. Consulting Techniques - This section covers specific tactics and toolkit methods when using consultative approaches in the trenches as either a company- or consulting firm-practitioner. Consulting Mastery - This section covers advanced perspectives on consulting and may be more useful to either company personnel evaluating consultants or mid- to senior-level consultants. Consulting Special Situations - Whereas the prior sections are applicable to a wide variety of situations, this section covers more infrequent, specific business situations involving consultative approaches in the trenches as either a company- or consulting firm-practitioner. Each chapter of the book concludes with an optional, takeaway exercise. The exercises vary widely in terms of level of involvement. For example, in some cases you can refer to online material. In other cases, you can engage in deeper thinking or apply the concepts over an extended period of time. However you choose to use this book, consulting mastery is a lifelong pursuit. I hope this book helps you with your journey. Stephen Shu Praise for The Consulting Apprenticeship "When one of the companies I worked for needed help taking its consulting organization to the next level, I hired Steve Shu. His ability to drive our management team - all with different opinions on what we should or should not do - to a 'so-what' conclusion and pragmatic next steps gave us the jump start we needed. He is one of the best and deeply understands how consulting organizations should work. His book provides great techniques as well as tools you can use immediately." - Prakash Panjwani, CEO at WatchGuard Technologies, former President and CEO of SafeNet "Steve Shu has put together a comprehensive guide to the all-important nuts and bolts of being a great consultant. The information in Chapter 21, 'Eight Secret Weapons of the Modern Consultant, ' is worth the price of the book. If you're serious about being a more effective consultant, read this book." - Michael McLaughlin, Author of Winning the Professional Services Sale and Principal Consultant at MindShare Consulting LLC; former Partner at Deloitte "Steve Shu has written a hands-on, highly practical guide for new management consultants and internal corporate business strategists alike. So many projects fail because they do not practice the basic consulting project management hygiene Steve describes in chapter 11. If you are new to the trade and want to greatly increase your chance of delivering successful consulting projects, read this book." - Robert Reppa, Vice President Strategy at Johnson Controls and former Partner at Booz & Company "Steve Shu has written a Rosetta Stone for both new and experienced

consultants. Filled with forty power-packed ideas and practical chapter takeaways, Consulting Apprenticeship is structured for busy executives to easily digest each concept. A must read for those who seek to go beyond the shallow bromides of the consulting profession, and hone their skills with deeper, more meaningful approaches." - Adrian C. Ott, Award-winning author of The 24-Hour Customer, and CEO, Exponential Edge Inc, called "One of Silicon Valley's most respected strategists" by Consulting Magazine"

Delivering Successful PMOs provides a clear framework to conceive, design, build, prove and embody an enterprise PMO inside an organisation, dealing with the strategic intentions, the politics, the people and the projects. The book draws on the rare experience that Ray Mead, through his organisation PM-Partners (www.pmpartners.co.uk) had in building an enterprise PMO from the ground up - a 'greenfield' enterprise PMO. Through this process he and his team have developed an invaluable methodology that is shared through this book alongside a real case study - this is not theory, this is not 'perfect' world modelling, this is proven through practice and live application. Peter and Ray extend the guidelines from the first book and weave them in to the process of delivering a PMO that works for an organisation and delivers success - measured by improved project health, greater returns on investment, a better project management community, closer connection to business strategy and a more mature project organisation.

This Value Pack consists of Management Consulting: Delivering an Effective Project, 3/e by Wickham/Wickham (ISBN: 9780273711841); The Seven C's of Consulting: The Definitive Guide to the Consulting Process, 2/e by Cope (ISBN: 9780273663331)

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range of organizations and industries. He holds two Master's degrees and a PhD in various Strategic Management topics. This second book includes a forward by Malik Salameh.

Written specifically for the Research Methods aspect of an MBA course, Research Methods in Management is the ideal companion for those needing guidance on carrying out a research project. The author offers a succinct guide to the topic which provides MBA and Business Students with the necessary grounding in the area of research without going into too much depth. The text is therefore written with modular courses in mind so that students gain an overall perspective of the important areas that need consideration and can ascertain the key points they need to be aware of when carrying out research. Dissertations and projects form an integral part of many MBA and degree courses and therefore guides such as this are becoming invaluable when tackling this area for the first time. Research Methods in Management approaches the research task in a step by step manner, covering areas such as data collection, observational methods, and data analysis. Guidance is provided on the best way to approach aspects of the research process and to ensure all aspects are adequately covered. As this is an area where many students feel they do not have any experience, a text such as this provides the necessary support in approaching this area of the course.

This book explains how to resolve every challenge faced on a day-to-day basis in your business by presenting an unbeatable inventory of proven problem solving tools and techniques to help you tackle your toughest business dilemmas effectively. You will learn how to:

- Overcome any business challenge with robust logic and structure
- How to break down problems and make your workload lighter
- Deliver the 'killer' recommendations
- Discover how to successfully implement change in people and organisations
- How to keep yourself, your team, and your stakeholders happy
- How to use an effective hypothesis-driven approach to problem solving

Using case studies, a 'best practice example' and at least one figurative table or figure, every dilemma is brought to life equipping you with the very best tools to confront any problem your business may face. 'The most successful businesses don't avoid problems – they solve them. This practical, insightful and entertaining book guides you through how to do this. An indispensable resource for any manager.' Richard Newton, Business consultant and best-selling author

----- 'One of the key attributes in running a business successfully is the ability to see a situation in perspective. Too often the real issues go unrecognised, signs are misread, an opportunity slips by, the wrong problem is addressed. Only in retrospect is it obvious what should have been done. It is not easy, but the tools and techniques covered in Key Business Solutions should help.'

Sir George Cox, Author of the HM Treasury Cox Review of Creativity in UK Business and former Chairman of the Design Council

International Perspectives on Key Issues in Sport and Exercise Psychology is a series of edited books, with a global focus, which reflect the state of art in areas of current and emerging interest in the study of sport and exercise psychology. Each volume in the series contributes to the better understanding of a key issue facing researchers and practitioners in sport psychology. This volume in the series focuses upon the sociocultural issues that challenge and often undermine participation, performance, and well-being in sports. Contributors address a number of important issues, such as exclusion, miscommunication, and ineffective practice in

sport. The book extends the recent interest in culture within sport psychology by using a critical approach to highlight less mainstream sports such as martial arts, circus arts, extreme sports, and dance, and it will help sports participants and social scientists to gain an understanding of these marginalized sporting identities. By highlighting "subcultural" contexts, with their individual practices and values, it is hoped that the volume will promote the goal of achieving a more just, inclusive, and ethical sport psychology. The Psychology of Sub-Culture in Sport and Physical Activity will be ideal reading for sport and exercise academics and practitioners, advanced students of applied sport psychology, and related fields such as sport science, critical studies, sociology, cultural studies and social anthropology.

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This book provides a thorough examination of a variety of specialties within the broad range of management consulting. A book of such scope and depth could only be written by a large number of experts, each from one of the many specialties related to management consulting. Together, all 27 contributors take the reader through an industry that is currently undergoing significant change. While covering all the major practice areas of consulting, the book also offers new insights into change processes and addresses compelling management issues now facing consulting firms.

Revised edition of the authors' Management consulting, 2012.

This book is aimed at students as well as professionals who want to undertake a career as a management consultant and would be eager to know the concepts, processes and best practices of this wonderful and enchanting profession. Please note that Management consultancy is specialization agnostic. Chapter 1: Why Management Consulting? Chapter 2: Consulting Industry: A perspective Chapter 3: 3.0 Business and IT Consulting: Alignment and Convergence. Chapter 4: Understanding BIT Consulting Process. Chapter 5: Executing BIT Consulting Engagement Chapter 6: BIT Consulting Themes. Chapter 7: Management of Consulting Practice Chapter 8: Consulting Skills: Development and Management Chapter 9: Effective use of consultant from Client's Perspective. Chapter 10: Global Consulting Delivery. Chapter 11: Managing Client relationship and Consultative selling. Chapter 12: Consulting Career and entrepreneurship. Chapter 13: Consulting ethics and legal issues Chapter 14: Future of consulting. Chapter 15: To Sum it all Cases Study. Annexure A: Preparing for Case interview Annexure B: Consulting cases and Strategic Questions. Annexure C: Consulting Frame work and tools Annexure D: Bibliography and Webliography

Contributed papers presented at the Regional Workshop on Restructuring of Cooperative Support Services in Asia and the Pacific Region.

Management Consulting Delivering an Effective Project Pearson

This book sets out the innovative practices that have been introduced from other industries and shows how the construction industry has learnt from these.

This new edition gathers more than 22 experts to outline the theory behind consulting, providing insight into change processes and management issues in the field. The business of consulting has grown faster than most other businesses,

due not only to increased demand by clients, but also to the innovative capabilities of numerous consulting firms as they develop new services. Divided into six parts, the book introduces readers to the consulting industry, addressing the major practice areas, contexts, and implementations of the field. Significant updates detail the effect of the economic troubles between 2004 and 2010 and then 2010 and now; analyze the market response to consulting in recent years; and provide a more thorough understanding of how consulting is applied in the different areas of a business, such as operations, marketing, and finance. Introductions written by the editors offer further insight into the themes and learning goals of each section, helping readers to recognize the elements of a successful consultation, and utilize their new skill set. The text concludes with a look at the future of consulting with regards to ethics standards and how strong manager-client relationships contribute to financial growth. Readers will also learn how the developing field of entrepreneurship creates new economic structures and job opportunities. Practitioners, consultants, clients, faculty, and students of business and management will learn not only how to consult, but also gain the skills needed to adapt to and lead organizational change, giving them a competitive edge when they enter the field.

Author Linda Timms goes beyond the standard consulting guide to bring you constructive reliable advice for delivering effective, complete, professional functional specs on time. Filled with plain English, real-world examples, hints and tips, SAP: How to Write a Report Functional Specification provides the secrets you need to make a daunting task achievable. Whether you are • a SAP project team member seconded from the business, unsure where to start with documenting business requirements • a support analyst dealing with change requests and new requirements • an offshore analyst/consultant wanting to up your game, get recognition for top quality work, and stand out from the crowd • anyone fresh out of a SAP academy or training course, wanting to transition smoothly into a valuable project team member • a graduate with one of the big management consulting firms wanting focussed reliable advice to help build your consulting career • a junior consultant wanting to make a name for yourself as a professional productive “good” SAP resource • an experienced consultant wanting to refresh your knowledge and maybe kick some bad habits • a business analyst looking to move into the SAP arena • a manager or team lead tasked with reviewing and signing off functional specs • a project manager wanting to bring in best practices • a technical analyst wanting to understand the functional side of SAP requirements SAP: How to Write a Report Functional Specification is a comprehensive guide, including a free downloadable functional specification template that will have you producing polished, high-caliber, valuable report specifications in no time!

The consulting industry has been on a roller-coaster ride since the heady days of the 1990s. After a recession triggered by the dotcom crash, it's now growing rapidly again--but in a market that has changed beyond all recognition. Fees are

down, buying is centralized and many clients are ex-consultants who know all the tricks of the trade. It's a hostile environment in which great personal qualities are no longer enough--consultants need trusted firms behind them, helping them deliver results. This unique journey through the new consulting terrain looks at how leading consulting firms worldwide create a platform for success: what values they need; who they recruit and what recruitment processes work best; how they keep their finger on the pulse of the market; how they match the right people to particular jobs. "This book is essential for both client and consultant to understand the pitfalls to avoid and the conditions necessary for success in today's complex, multi faceted project environment." -- Peter Hill, Chief Executive, Management Consultancies Association "The Trusted Firm presents a compelling blueprint for the consulting firm of the future. From concepts to tactics, this book shows firm leaders why and how to rethink their businesses to earn client trust the ultimate market differentiator." --Michael W. McLaughlin, Editor, Management Consulting News and author of Guerrilla Marketing for Consultants "Fiona, astute observer, commentator of the management field, provides insight and clarity to the chaos of rapid changes in our clients' evolving demands and how our firms can most effectively respond to them. A must-read for understanding data on contemporary client demands; a valuable contribution to our field. Czerniawska explicates the dynamics of the three-pronged relationship between the client, the consultant and the firm. She explains why each aspect of this tri-partite relationship is equally significant in the successful engagement." --Elizabeth Ann Kovacs, President & CEO, Association of Management Consulting Firms

"Robert Wysocki does it again, and again. He has evolved from a project management expert and guru to the preeminent thought leader on managing complexity in the 21st century! Wysocki's approach is to use an adaptive framework and decision-making tool which includes a robust project management methodology that seamlessly integrates change, and can be applied to all types of projects across industries. This adaptive complex project framework is aligned with the most contemporary principles of innovation, agility, and lean approaches to change, and represents the most advanced thinking in applied complex project management to date." —Kathleen Hass, Project Management and Business Analysis Practice Leader, Consultant, and PMI award-winning author of Managing Complex Projects: A New Model With technology continuing to invade the business world and the convergence of complexity, uncertainty, and constant change, a whole new class of projects has emerged for which traditional project management models such as Waterfall are totally insufficient. These are called complex projects. Extreme Project Management models and a variety of Agile Project Management models such as Scrum, Rational Unified Process, Feature-Driven Development, and Dynamic Systems Development Method have emerged, but project failure rates have not been measurably reduced. Effective Complex Project Management offers a proven solution to managing any project that must succeed in the face of

organizational complexity and market uncertainty, in the form of an adaptive complex project framework. Developed, refined, and validated through 20+ years of client experiences and feedback from project management thought leaders, this framework and robust methodology has demonstrated a favorable impact on project and program management success rates. Dr. Wysocki demonstrates that for program and project managers to be consistently successful in managing complex projects, they need to include in their project management portfolio of processes an adaptive framework that continuously analyzes and adapts to changing and modifying conditions even to the point of changing project management models mid-project. The author's adaptive complex project framework is currently the only robust tool to offer an orderly approach to do just that. When applied and managed correctly, this intuitive framework that proceeds from ideation to set-up to execution has proven to deliver on the purpose of programs and projects without fail, in the form of desired business value.

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