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Education in Project Management

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Education in PM

- Forms of education
- Expected benefits from learning PM
- What do we need to teach and learn
- Different background of PM students
- Suggestions for optimal PM training
- Discussion



Forms of education

- Schools, colleges, universities
- Courses, trainings
- Self-study
- Experience
- Coach / mentor
- Seminars, workshops, conferences



Expected benefits from learning PM

- Successful projects
- Certification?
- Payrise?
- Promotion?
- Satisfied customers?
- Self-confidence?
- Efficiency?



What do we need to teach and learn

- Is there any Project management paradigm – commonly accepted way of doing things?
- PM roles and responsibilities
- Soft skills
- Hard skills (techniques, tools)
- Methodologies
- ...



Different background of PM students

- Students - Early starters
- Practice people untouched by theory
- „My boss sends me“
- „Prepare me for this huge project“
- Non-PMs
- Different motivation



Suggestions for optimal PM training

- Adapt to the organisation culture
- Identify the learners' needs
- Prefer widely-usable skills
- Manage expectations
- Scope: shallow topics vs. deep insight
- State what is your training based upon



More suggestions for optimal PM training

- Certification – cover all topics
- Practice – introduction and deep insight into the most useful skills
- Modul based trainings
- Omit unnecessary advanced techniques
- Follow-up study tips



Thank you for your comments

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Discussion

- Experience with trainings and other forms of education
- The quickest way to learn project management
- Applying knowledge from the training into practice
- Role of mistakes in the learning process
- What are the elementary basics of project management?
- Which forms of education should be the pillars of learning PM?
- What skills would you need to improve most?
- Role of certification in PM