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Project Management Quote

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

- Thomas Edison

CEO Message



I hope you had wonderful holidays, recharged your batteries and are ready to start 2016 with a bang. You must be reading and

thinking about the trends in 2016, which is exactly what we bring to you in the first article - looking at 8 key project management trends in 2016. This will help you to shape your and your teams' development plan for 2016.

This month's blog provides ideas about new features in Microsoft Project 2016, which was released late last year. After reading the blog you will get a better understanding of what is offered in MS Project 2016 and whether or not it is worth upgrading.

Our [training calendar](#) for 2016 is now finalized. We have several new courses on Agile, project management, and leadership topics. Courses are offered in Springfield, Kansas City, St. Louis and other cities, as well as online. This may be a good time to start planning for your and your team's training/skill development in this year.

Enjoy reading all the other sections in this issue, and don't forget to join our next [FREE webinar](#) on "What's New in Microsoft Project 2016?" on February 3, at 12:00pm CT.

I wish you success and happiness in 2016.

As we look toward 2016, we examine project management trends in the coming year. First, we describe how changes in technology will affect the knowledge and skills project managers need. Second, we describe trends that shape the role of a project manager. Finally, we describe other trends for 2016, including increased agile adoption and scaling, more remote/virtual teams and projects, greater influence of PMOs, and a continuing need for more project management and agile education. | [Read More](#)



What Is New in MS Project 2016?

Microsoft Project is one of the most popular project management tools on the market. [Microsoft released Project 2016, the latest version, in late September 2015.](#) With Project 2016 now available, many of you may be wondering what new features are included and whether upgrading is worth it. In this blog post, we describe new features, including resource management workflows, multiple timelines, enhanced web add-ins, and more, and tell you what you need to know about upgrading. | [Read More](#)



Community Engagement

RefineM showed its support as a sponsor of the [PMI KC Mid-America Chapter](#) at their Dinner Meeting on the evening of January 11th. We were able to kick off the new year with the chapter and their new presidency. We're a proud sponsor of the PMI KC Mid-America Chapter and look forward to events in 2016.



Social Media Spotlight

We've tweeted over 1,000 tweets on our Twitter page! We tweet multiple times each work day, bringing you up-to-date information on project management and agile topics. Do you have a Twitter account? Follow us on Twitter for more exciting info on project management and agile.

Follow us on [twitter](#)

Project Management Fun Corner

8 Project Management Trends for 2016

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Technology

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VirtualTeams

ChangeManagement

PMOs

ContentCuration

Education

Created by [Puzzlemaker](#) at [DiscoveryEducation.com](#)

Featured Product - Essential Gear for Project Managers



[Essential Gear for Project Managers Level 1](#)

is a toolkit for Project Managers and start-up PMOs. It includes only the eight indispensable PM processes needed to successfully execute your project. The kit includes intuitive templates stripped down to the bare essentials as well as a handbook that describes best practices and pitfalls.

[more info](#)

Featured Training - Advanced Techniques In

Microsoft Project (Online)

RefineM's Advanced Techniques In Microsoft Project course is designed to introduce you to advanced tools and techniques available in Microsoft Project. This course will provide an overview of several advanced project tasks, including creating and monitoring the project plan, working with reports, customizing Project, managing multiple projects, and exchanging project information.

When and Where: April 14-15, 9:00am-1:00pm CT, Online

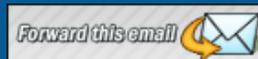
Earn: 7 PDUs/Contact Hours

Cost: \$600 (Earlybird: \$450, ends 3 weeks before course start)

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