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RefineM Newsletter - December 2013



December 6th Free Lunch and Learn: Essential Gear for Project Managers [Register now!](#)

Dear RefineM,



In the past couple of years, I have been thinking how to pass on my knowledge and experience to other project managers to help them deliver their projects successfully. PMI's PMBOK describes 47 processes, but in my experience a smaller subset of processes can be all that is needed to deliver projects successfully. I invite you to join my next monthly [Virtual Lunch & Learn Webinar](#) where I talk about such a minimal set of processes, called Essential Gear for Project Managers. The Essential Gear for Project Managers is not only useful for PMs at individual level but it also provides a head start for emerging PMOs.

You'll also find the article on communication management not only interesting but useful too. If you are a PMP and looking for ways to earn PDUs, the blog on PDUs is for you. Now you have access to our past newsletters in case you did not receive them; enjoy this and all past newsletters.

Wishing you Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Improving Communications Management using the Five Journalism Questions



In the PM Network Web exclusive, "Mission: Clear Communications," PMI published some statistics about the role of a strong communication plan in project success. According to this article, "of the 2 in 5 projects that fail to meet original goals, 1 of the 2 do so because of ineffective communications." Poor communications can impact a project in many ways. Time and cost delays can happen due to poor communication of work package items. Scope changes can occur if different stakeholders have different perceptions of project goals.

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All About PDUs: What to Know about Professional Development Units

In the project management community, a common abbreviation is PDU. Go to any PMI chapter meeting and you'll hear a lot about PDUs. Research Agile or project management training opportunities on the Web or in your area and you'll hear even more about PDUs. What are they, who needs them, and how can you get them? This post will answer those questions and more.

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2nd-5th December 2013

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24th-27th February 2014

PM Quote

First, have a definite, clear practical ideal; a goal, an objective.
Second, have the necessary means to achieve your ends; wisdom, money, materials, and methods. Third, adjust all your means to that end.
~ Aristotle

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