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RefineM Newsletter - May 2014



Dear RefineM,



Are you in the middle of implementing Agile/Scrum for your projects? If yes, the first step would be to identify a Product Owner. A product owner is the "driver" for agile projects; without him/her, you won't experience the success that you can achieve by implementing agile in your

environment. The first article in this issue explains the role of a product owner and will be useful in identifying the right candidate for this critical role.

Have you reviewed [Essential Gear for Project Managers](#), a toolkit for project managers that we launched last month? If not, download your copy from our [website](#), and don't forget to join our next **FREE webinar**.

### **[The Role of a Product Owner on Agile Projects](#)**



In this article, we will discuss the roles and responsibilities of product owners on Agile projects, including what value they add to the project, where they participate, and how they interact with other participants and ceremonies. Product owners play a heavy and critical role on an

Agile project and are a key part of both developing the product's vision and making that vision a reality. Many times, the people playing these roles may not fully know what they are expected to do. As a result, they may skip key parts of their role that make Agile work. This is especially true with the product owner. Product owners are very important to the success of an Agile project.

[Read on.](#)

### **[8 Most Powerful Project Management Processes: Part 4- Resource Allocation](#)**

This is Part Four of our series on the "Eight Powerful Project Management Processes," a look at the project management processes that we have found in our experiences to be most crucial to project success. Last time, we looked at the Work Breakdown Structure

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Virtual Lunch and Learn  
06/04/2014  
12:00-1:00 PM CST

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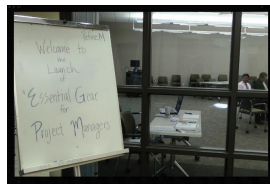


(WBS). Now, we examine resource allocation. Resource Allocation is the tools and techniques performed to assign available resources-people, equipment, and materials-in an efficient manner. Effective resource allocation should help you

get the most out of scarce resources, avoid over-allocating resources, and account for a project's changing needs over time.

[Read on.](#)

## Community Engagement



On April 23rd, 2014 the team at RefineM held a launch event for our first product, Essential Gear for Project Managers, a complete package of project management processes delivered via intuitive templates and a handbook that describes how to execute best practices and avoid pitfalls.

## Fun Corner



## Introducing Essential Gear for Project Managers Level 1

*Essential Gear for Project Managers Level 1 is a toolkit for Project Managers and start up PMOs. It includes only the eight indispensable*

This is your entry into the huge body of project management knowledge.

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06/18/2014

8:30 AM-4:30 PM CST

eFactory, Springfield, MO

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Eight 4-hour

sessions online

#### [8 Powerful PM Processes](#)

08/13/2014

8:30 AM-4:30 PM CST

eFactory, Springfield, MO

[Early Registration is open for all trainings.](#)

### Upcoming Project Management Events

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May 29-30, 2014

Miami

#### [PMI® Global Congress 2014-North America](#)

October 26-28, 2014

Phoenix Convention Center, AZ

#### [Agile Development Conference & Better Software Conference](#)

[West](#)

June 1-6, 2014

Las Vegas, NV



*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.*



*Expand your Project Management and Agile Knowledge with us in 2014!*

*Thanks for Subscribing!*



**PM Quote**

"A project is complete when it starts working for you, rather than you working for it."  
- Scott Allen

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