

Dear RefineM,



Here is the next issue of our newsletter. The objective of the monthly newsletter is to provide you with the knowledge and resources to take your project management capability to the next level.

Do you know that the PMP certification is gaining popularity at a rapid pace? It tops among the 10 most paid IT certifications. There are more than 650,000 certified PMPs that are adding value to project management every day. Many project managers are striving to get this credential quickly, but by attempting to do so quickly, they sometime commit mistakes that push their goals further. The first article is for all those who are seeking PMP certification and would like to avoid the common mistakes that people make in preparing for and taking the exam.

The second article is part of a series - stakeholder register, which is the seventh out of eight processes that every project manger should implement in his/her project. These eight processes are the part of our first toolkit for project managers, [Essential Gear for Project Managers](#).

We are developing a toolkit for Agile teams, and need your candid input. With your input, we can make this toolkit a valuable asset for agile teams. Please help us by completing the Agile Survey mentioned below the "Fun Corner." In addition, enjoy reading all the other sections in this issue, and don't forget to join our next [FREE webinar](#), which is about the role of a Product Owner in Agile projects.

[Ten PMP® Exam Mistakes to Avoid](#)



The Project Management Professional (PMP)® certification is one of the Project Management Institute's (PMI's) most popular certifications, with over 650,000 certification holders as of August 2014. It is also one of the highest-paid technical certifications for 2014, according to John Hales of Global Knowledge. If you are an experienced project manager who meets the [qualifications](#), you should obtain the PMP certification in order to remain competitive in the project management job market. However, many PMP candidates do not pass on their first attempt. In this article, we will describe mistakes PMP candidates make that compromise their ability to pass the exam. [Read More.](#)

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[Role of a Product Owner on Agile Projects](#)
Virtual Lunch and Learn
October 1, 2014
12:00-1:00 PM CST

Our Upcoming Trainings

[PMP Exam Prep Course](#)

October 7-17, 2014
9:00 AM-1:00 PM CST
Eight 4-hour sessions online

[Product Owner Workshop](#)

October 22, 2014
8:30 AM-4:30 PM CST
eFactory, Springfield, MO
In-person class

[User Stories Workshop](#)

December 10, 2014
8:30 AM-4:30 PM CST
eFactory, Springfield, MO
In-person class

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

Our Free Knowledge Base

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In the next to last part of our series on "Eight Powerful Project Management Processes" series, we take a look at a very critical process, the risk register. These processes are also included in our toolkit, [Essential Gear for Project Managers](#).

Risk management is a critical, yet underutilized, process. In a survey we conducted of 65 project managers, only 48 percent reporting using a risk register on more than 50% of their projects. There are many pitfalls involved in risk

management, but the number one pitfall is to neglect to do it at all. Failing to undertake regular risk management means not only missing out on threats to the project, but also missing out on opportunities to save time and money and add value to the project. [Read More.](#)

[Community Engagement](#)



NK Shrivastava, CEO of RefineM and Vice President of Marketing at PMI Southwest Missouri, delivers a presentation on Agile Contracts for the August chapter meeting at McAlister's in Springfield, Missouri.



[Fun Corner](#)



Here you'll find several useful templates to carry out project management activities in an effective and efficient manner.

[White Papers & Articles](#)

These are related to critical topics in project management.

[Presentations & Slides](#)

These slides can be used to make a presentation on a particular project management topic.

[Other Useful Knowledge Centers](#)

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

[Virtual Lunch and Learn Presentations](#)

You can access all of the past Lunch and Learn Presentations here.

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September 26, 2014
Hollywood Women's Club
Hollywood, FL, USA

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

October 26-28, 2014
Phoenix Convention Center,
Phoenix, AZ, USA

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November 16-19, 2014
Fontainebleau
Miami Beach, FL, USA

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"PMs are the most creative pros in the world; we have to figure out everything that could go wrong, before it does."
- Fredrik Haren

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NEW!

[Take our Agile Survey to help influence our product development!](#)

We would like to know more about your experiences with [Agile](#) in your organization. We are in the process of [developing a toolkit for Agile teams](#). This data will support us as we develop our Agile toolkit. Upon completing the survey and leaving your optional contact information, you will receive the results of the survey and will be [eligible to receive an evaluation copy of this toolkit when it is available](#).



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