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Download the Sample Files

Instructions to set up your Project Server instance along with the sample files you use to complete the Hands On Exercises can be found by pointing your browser to the following URL:

Introduction

Thank you for choosing *Managing Enterprise Projects Using Microsoft Project Server 2010*, an unprecedented learning guide and reference for project managers who use the Microsoft EPM platform. Our goal for this book is to provide a combination of training and reference manual; a vital learning tool to help you build on your knowledge of the stand-alone tool by mastering the Microsoft enterprise project management environment. Follow our best practices to success and heed our warnings to avoid the pitfalls.

We take a systematic approach to the topical ordering in this book, beginning with a Project Server 2010 overview in Module 01 and a primer for using the interface in Module 02. Module 03 teaches you how to use Project Server 2010 workflows to create project proposals. In Modules 04-07, you learn to use Project Professional 2010 to define, plan, baseline, and publish an enterprise project and manage deliverables. Modules 08-09 take you through the project updating process from team member progress reporting in Project Web App and in Outlook, through your acceptance of the updates into the enterprise project plan. Module 10 wraps up with analyzing project variance. In Modules 11-14, you learn how to set up personal options, how to use the features in the Project Workspace, and how to create Status Reports. In Module 16, you learn how to use Project Web App to view enterprise project information and in Module 17, you learn how to use the exciting new Business Intelligence features provided by Microsoft SharePoint Enterprise edition, including working with pivot tables in Microsoft Excel to connect to the reporting database and OLAP cubes to create visually stunning reports.

Throughout each module, you get a generous amount of Notes, Warnings, and Best Practices. Notes call your attention to important additional information about a subject. Warnings help you avoid the most common problems experienced by others and Best Practices provide tips for using the tool based on our field experience.

With this book, we believe that you can become more effective at using Microsoft Enterprise Project Management tools. If you have questions about the book or are interested in our professional services, please contact us at our office. If you have questions about Microsoft Project or Project Server, contact us through the Microsoft TechNet forums.

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