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A Practical Guide



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Many books for introductory project management courses are written with heavy detail and are designed for experienced project managers running large-scale projects. In this slim guide, skilled expert Dave C. Barrett prepares students to manage projects with a "let's walk before we run" approach, offering the perfect amount of detail for students new to the field who are lacking practical project experience. Learning only the most critical project management concepts and processes, students are taken through an ongoing case study that follows a moderately sized project from its initiation to completion.

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Reviews

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—Nivedita Navali, Student, Administrative Business Management – Post Graduate Program, Conestoga College

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