TOP 5 SKILLS FOR PROJECT MANAGERS

A career in project management relies on your ability to set and achieve attainable goals, and those goals should begin with ensuring that you are well-equipped to deal with the hurdles that a career in project management will present. Check out some of the key skills needed to further your career as a project manager.

COMMUNICATION AND PEOPLE SKILLS
Project managers are required to constantly communicate with a variety of stakeholders, both internally and externally. Project managers with excellent people skills will find it easier to motivate their teams, deliver bad news, and interact with stakeholders.

ORGANIZATION
Successful project managers are able to deliver a project from start to finish in a timely manner, by pre-planning, addressing issues encountered along the way, and finding a solution to those issues. A well-organized project manager not only delivers a higher quality deliverable, but also facilitates a smooth project journey for their team and other stakeholders.

PROBLEM SOLVING AND CRITICAL THINKING
Creative problem solving and critical thinking skills can help to mitigate fallout from unexpected project issues. Being able to make quick, effective decisions will help you stand out from the crowd and move your career forward quickly.

RISK MANAGEMENT
Project managers must be able to identify and manage risks within all projects in order to deliver a desirable project outcome. Project managers who are able to identify risks early in the process can take steps to ensure that those risks are corralled as early as possible.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT
The job of a project manager is to ensure that the project meets all major milestones on time to a quality level that impresses stakeholders. Finding the right balance of time and quality management can be difficult, but with experience it becomes second nature to seasoned project managers.

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