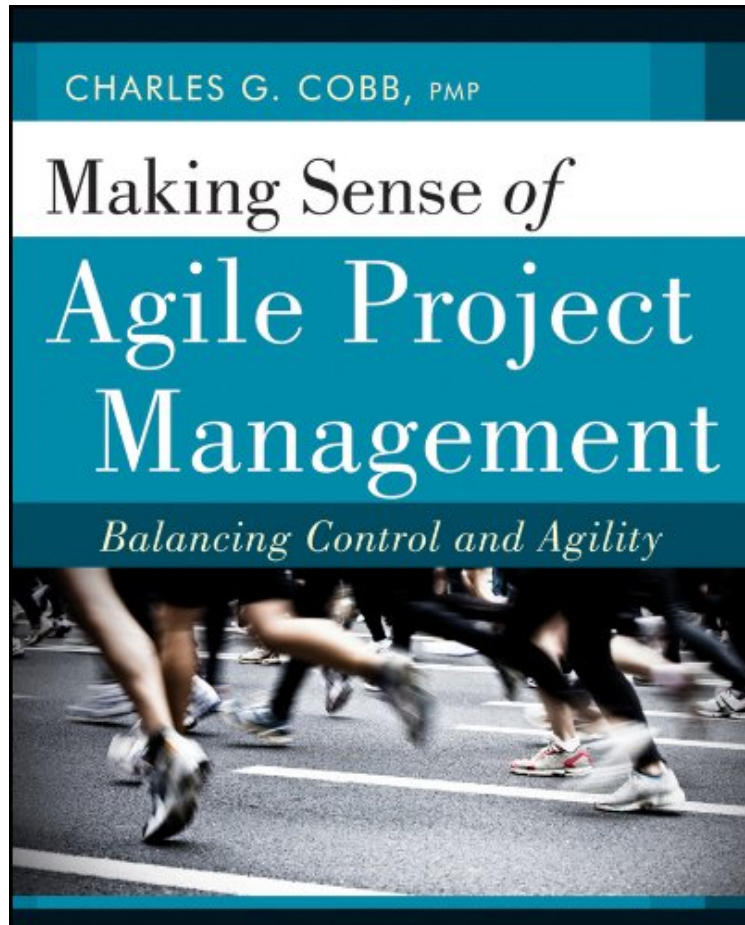


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The book is intended to provide a much deeper understanding of agile principles, methodologies, and practices to

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Business Economics/Project Management
The essential primer to successfully implementing agile project management into an overall business strategy
For a project to be truly successful, its management strategy must be flexible enough to adapt to dynamic and rapidly evolving business needs. Making Sense of Agile Project Management helps project managers think outside the box by presenting a deep exploration of agile principles, methodologies, and practices. Straying from traditional bureaucratic procedures that are rigidly defined, this book espouses a heavy reliance on the training and skill of collaborative, cross-functional teams to adapt the methodology to the problem that they are attempting to solve, rather than force-fitting a project to a particular methodology. Making Sense of Agile Project Management: Focuses on how agile project management fits with other more traditional project management models to provide a more effective strategy. Includes many cases taken from real-world companies illustrating good and bad agile implementation. Provides coverage that is balanced and objective with discussion of both agile and non-agile methodologies. Making Sense of Agile Project Management employs a straightforward approach that enables project managers to grasp concepts quickly and develop adaptable management tools for creating a vibrant and fluid business environment. By utilizing the principles laid out in this book, business managers and leaders will strengthen their ability to meet the risks and complexities of any individual project, and better understand how to blend the appropriate balance of control and agility into an overall business strategy.
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