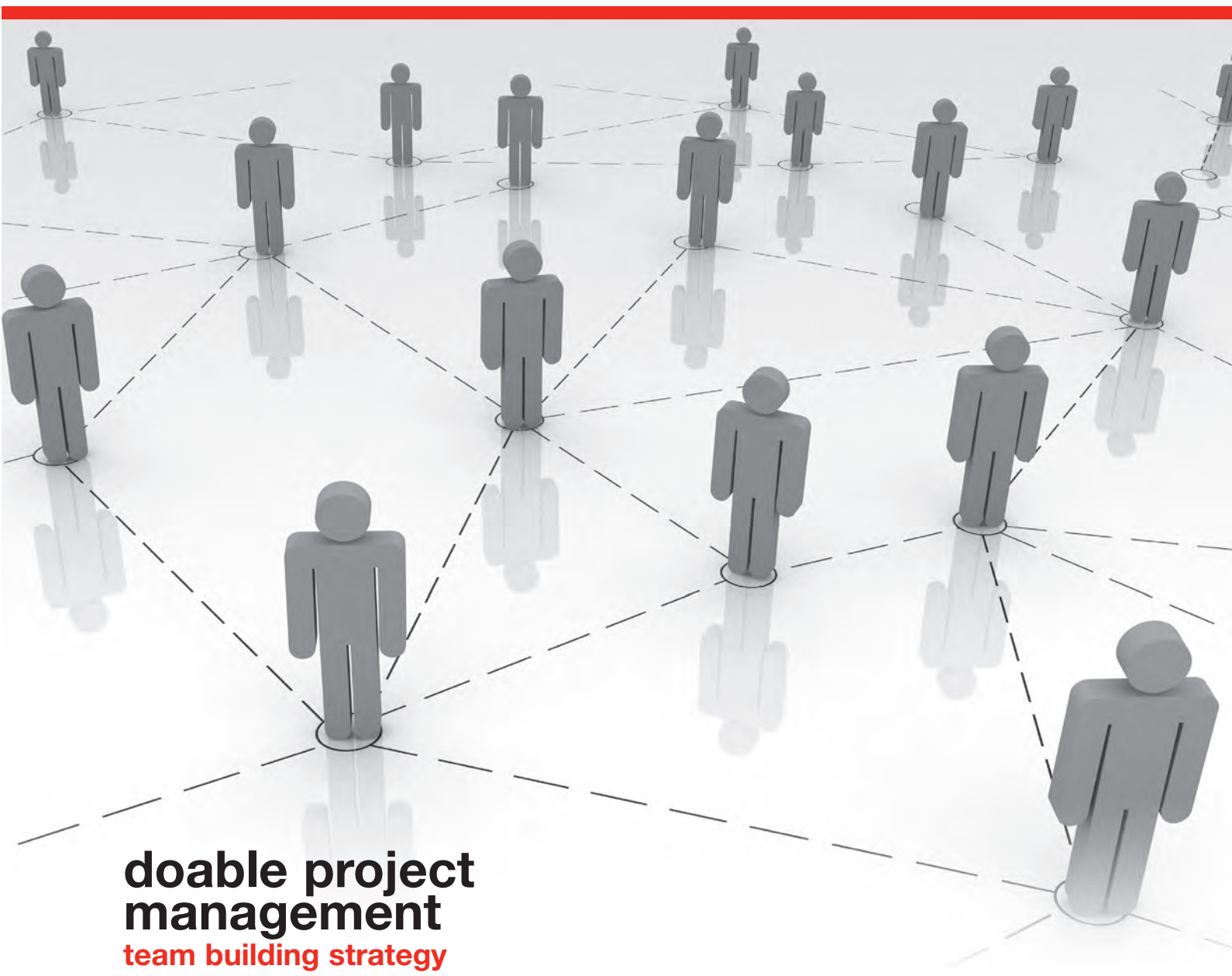


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Introduction

Preamble

When a business identifies a need to purchase a new IT system (regardless of the size or scope) the requirement generally forms part of a corporate strategy to resolve particular business issues and to instigate change and/or growth.

It is well known in the software industry that badly run projects end up with escalating costs, unhappy team members, missed deadlines, reduced scope and failure to achieve the defined objectives and benefits desired by the key stakeholders.

As a consequence, there is a negative affect upon the relationship between the customer and supplier.

Successful projects tend to demonstrate the following traits; they are clearly scoped, supported by a well defined plan and resourced effectively by a motivated team working to realistic targets. This enables key milestones to be achieved which leads to projects that are delivered on time and to budget.

Ultimately, the result is a positive affect on relationships between customer and supplier.

Definition

Doable Project Management means the ability to achieve success within the capabilities of the project team by following a few basic principles.

The principles advocated are simple and are a reflection of the authors preferred way of working and experience of the software industry. The basic principles are:

- Avoid frustrations and take the initiative
- Never ask too much of the team
- Deal effectively with the supplier
- Reap the benefits of success
- Enjoy the process
- Apply doable project management to all projects

Purpose

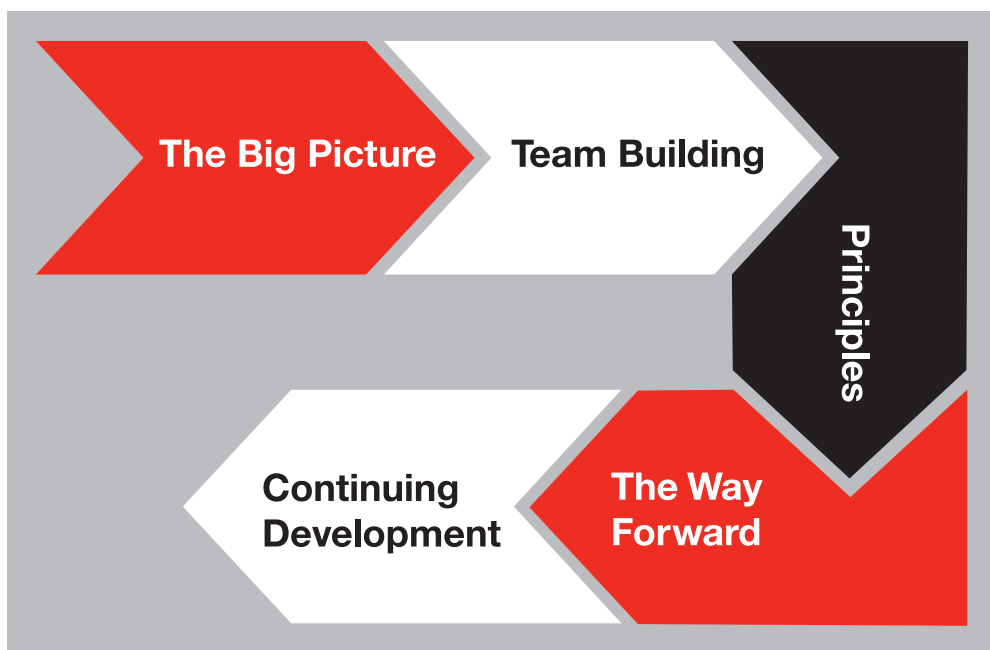
The purpose of this handbook is to provide a reminder of the workshop and as a source of reference on how to prepare for a project.

It will help lay firm foundations for a successful project by introducing a structured approach to the start of a new project and help stakeholders and project teams focus upon what makes a project doable, such as:

- Board level sponsorship and support of the project
- A skilled and experienced team
- A well prepared project team in the primary stages
- Good team relations
- Excellent communication
- Good supplier relationship

Process Lifecycle

To ensure a practical approach the process we will follow is shown in the diagram below.



Benefits

The benefits to be gained from Doable Project Management are:

- Enabled Project Manager
- Motivated Project Team
- Clear project deliverables and expectations
- Defined responsibilities
- Realistic objectives
- Achievable timeframe