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Top Thirteen Project Management Skills

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I once spearheaded an international fashion project that involved collaboration with sixty cross-functional teams across eleven countries.

If that sounds like your idea of a good timeand you excel at keeping things organized, time management, working with others, and finding solutions to difficult problems—being a project manager might be the career for you.

Our list of essential project management skills covers what you need to be a successful project manager.

What Are Project Manager Skills? To succeed, project management professionals

must bring together many moving parts and stakeholders. They need a wide variety of hard, technical and soft skills. While most project manager skills involve communication and organization, there are detailed technical and hard skills needed as well, relating to specific methodologies and frameworks, software, and industries.

Thirteen Essential Skills for Project Managers Successful project managers need a particular

set of skills, acquired from various sources over their lifetime. From soft skills to detailed project management software and theory proficiency, the combination of skills is what gives you the ability to shepherd projects to a successful conclusion while meeting all required guidelines. Essential Soft Skills: Some people seem wired

to excel in certain ways. They have a knack for seeing easy solutions or soothing tempers in a disagreement. Soft skills build on those innate abilities and are refined over time, mostly through life experiences, although training can help some skills. If you are that person who always knows where everything is in the office (even when it is misfiled). you might be project management material. 1. Communication

Project managers act as a bridge between disparate departments and stakeholders. You must be able to facilitate teamwork between parties that may never meet, or only meet when there is



program manager, stresses that communication is often a primary function of project managers.

Mediating conflicts between project team members and departments with at times conflicting

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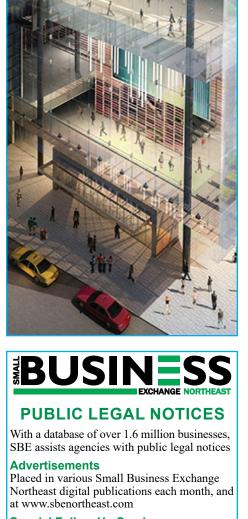
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