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- Process: describing the project management life-cycle and each stage of it
- People: describing how to manage the people working on projects.

This fourth edition builds on the successful structure of previous editions, and chapters have now been added on benefits management, requirements management, and project management maturity. The chapter of programme management has been split to recognise the difference between programmes and portfolios.

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