4PTRB Software Project Management Framework General Questions

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I. What is the main purpose of the paper?

This paper [1] presents a new approach to software project management called the 4PTRB framework. It is a comprehensive approach to software project management that integrates existing standard practices and processes from the PMBOK (Project Management Body of Knowledge) and CMMI-DEV (CMMI for development). The framework is made up of seven key areas: People, Process, Product, Project, Technology, Risk, and Business. To validate its effectiveness, the researchers conducted a Web-based survey among software professionals, along with a case study involving twenty software projects. The result of the paper validates the 4PTRB framework as a comprehensive and effective approach to software project management.

II. What is the key question that the author is addressing

The authors are hoping to address the question of whether there exists a more comprehensive or effective software project management approach. After introducing the new framework, the authors address the question of whether the proposed framework is an effective project management approach by comparing it to already widely used processes and standards.

III. What is the most important information (data, facts, experience) in this paper?

As a foundation to the proposed framework, a survey involving 123 software professionals from around the world ranked the importance of seven key software management areas. The areas, in order of importance are as follows: People, Process, Product, Project, Technology, Risk, and Business.

The case study conducted in this paper found a strong positive correlation between the project success core and the software project management effectiveness score (PME).

When comparing the correlations between the PME scores of the 3PR and 4PTRB models and project success scores, the 4PTRB showed a stronger positive correlation, with a Pearson's correlation coefficient of 0.9505 compared to the 3PR correlation coefficient of 0.8276. This suggests that adopting the 4PTRB approach emphasizes the chance of achieving a successful project outcome.

IV. What are the main outcomes/conclusions in this paper?

The main outcome of the paper is the introduction of 4PTRB, a comprehensive software project management framework. Through the case study and survey conducted in this paper, the researchers were able to conclude that it is an effective approach to software project management and can potentially offer better project success outcomes than existing standards.

V. What are the key concepts/ideas that we need to understand in this article?

This research paper emphasizes the differences in software project management processes and methodologies while highlighting the limitations of current, widely-used standards. The fundamental idea is that the proposed framework aims to be comprehensive and address the flaws of existing approaches.

Another key idea is that this framework was not developed in a vacuum, but incorporates ideas and practices from the PMBOK and CMMI-DEV.

VI. What assumptions did the authors make?

The authors assume that a self-administered questionnaire will be free from bias and produce results that can be used to prove the validity of the proposed framework.

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