

SOFTWARE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PROJECT MANAGEMENT SKILLS

A software project manager has not to be an expert in developing a software solution or to specify the requirements of a software application
He or she has to have or acquire the following skills:

Communication

It's hard to over-communicate
Team members need clarifications,
stakeholders need status updates and
sponsors need the results

Time management

Aside from managing the project's
schedule, you'll need to keep meetings
on track and track external inputs
You need to manage your own time too

Problem Solving

You must be able to find a solution
whenever an issue occurs or a conflict
pops up

Organizational awareness

You need to know:
The management roadmap
Other projects
Where to find people you need
Get familiar with other projects that might need the same people and resources at the same time you're going to need them

Diplomacy

Be prepared to negotiate scheduling issues, conflicting priorities, personal issues, third party decisions, customer changes,...