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Microsoft® Office Project 2007 Certifications

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Agenda

- PM competency development... context for certification
- Introduce the certifications
- Why certifications?
- Target audiences
- Exam preparation
- Microsoft Official Curriculum



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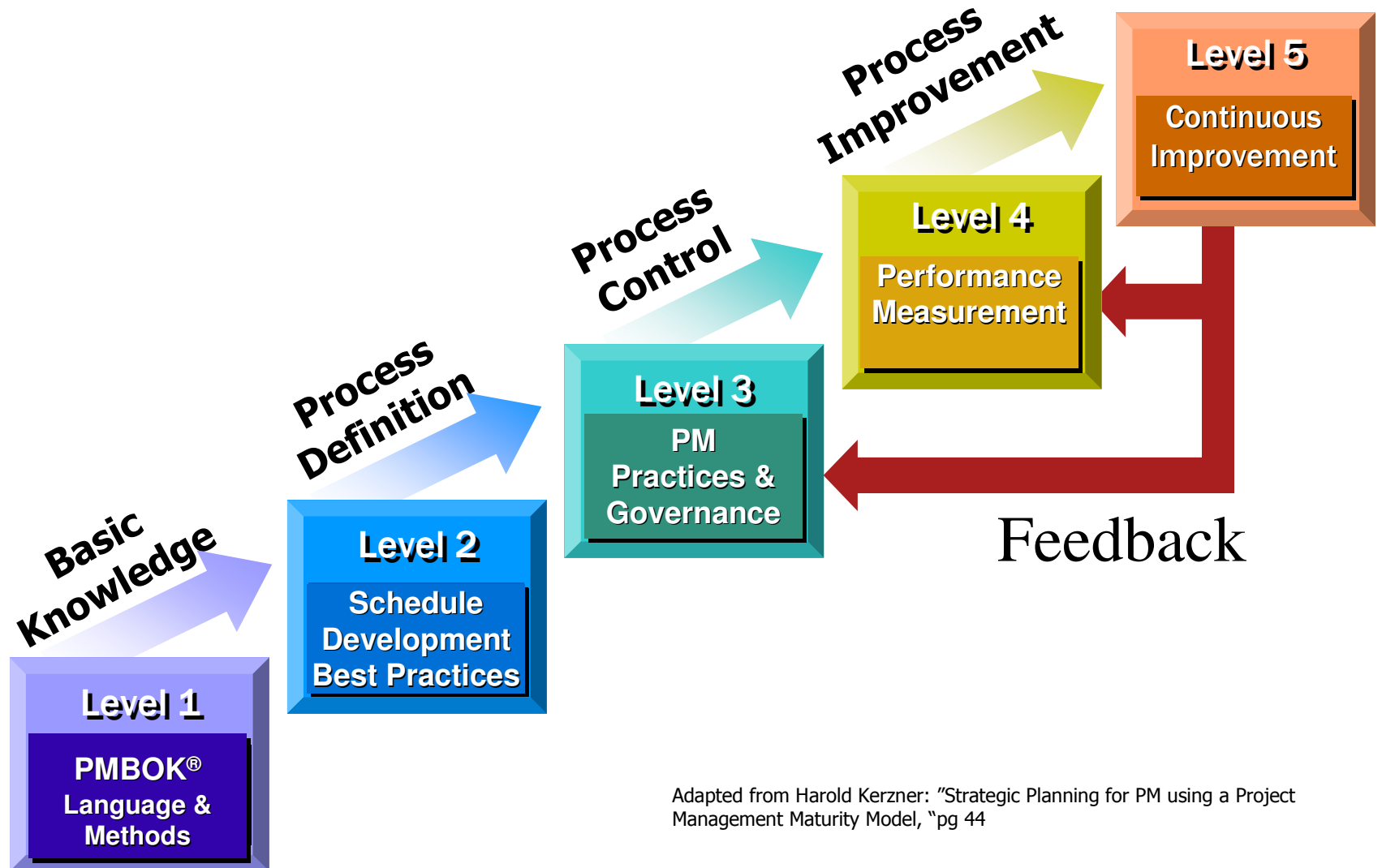
Microsoft® Office Project 2007 Certifications are designed to help individuals demonstrate their ability to apply project scheduling best practices and methodologies in their work.

The result?

Better project outcomes and greater on-time performance!



Strategic Planning for PM Competency

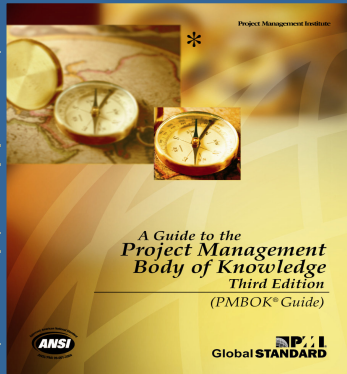


Adapted from Harold Kerzner: "Strategic Planning for PM using a Project Management Maturity Model," pg 44



Microsoft® Office Project 2007 Credentials

PMI's Standards



- New Generation Certification Family
- Benefits all project management communities
- Provides Project Management application expertise
- Complements PMBOK® methodologies



Desktop Technology Specialist

Demonstrates competency in the use of **Project 2007 desktop**



EPM Technology Specialist

Demonstrates competency in the use of **Project 2007 Server**



EPM IT Professional

Aligned with the PMI Program Management Standard

Demonstrates competency in the use of **Project 2007 Server** for large complex projects & programs

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** Project Portfolio Server planned as future MCITP certification.



Why Certification?

- The growing number and complexity of projects that companies must manage has impacted the demand for highly skilled project management practitioners.
- Microsoft recognition of end users not using the tool most efficiently.
- End users need tool competency for maximum benefit using Project Server.
- Practitioners seeking to improve use of Microsoft® Office Project – wanting validation of proficiency offered by certification
- Microsoft count of MS Project licenses is approximately 16,000,000 – wants to support user base.
- Existing tool certification program had steady growth demonstrating opportunity for Microsoft to offer certifications.



Certification Value Propositions

Significance for key audiences:

Practitioners:

Strengthen pursuit of career competency and advancement by leveraging industry recognized standards and methods.

Employers:

Improve recruitment, retention and management outcomes as well as help increase organizational maturity.

PM Consultancies:

Increased opportunity to market certified consultants with proven tool competencies.



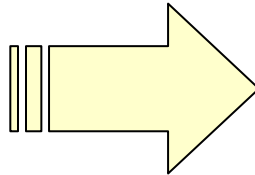
Certification Benefits





Target Audiences of Each Certification

Desktop Technology Specialist

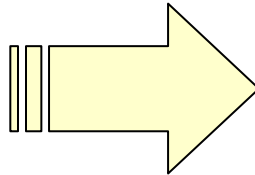


- PM Practitioners, schedulers, team leads or any user of Microsoft Office Project 2007 standalone.
- Users who want to certify they can build, maintain, and control well-formed project plans.
- These individuals may be involved in or responsible for scheduling, estimating, coordinating, controlling, budgeting, and staffing projects.
- Designed to help equip users who may want to manage project schedules more efficiently.



Target Audiences of Each Certification (Cont.)

EPM Technology Specialist

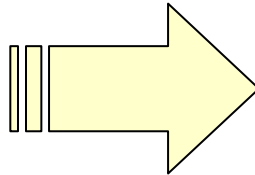


- Project managers or any user of Microsoft Office Project Professional 2007 and Project Server 2007 who manage and support projects in an Enterprise Project Management (EPM) environment.
- Individuals managing projects in the EPM environment, including project and non-project efforts, risks, issues, documents, task progress, and timesheets.



Target Audiences of Each Certification (Cont.)

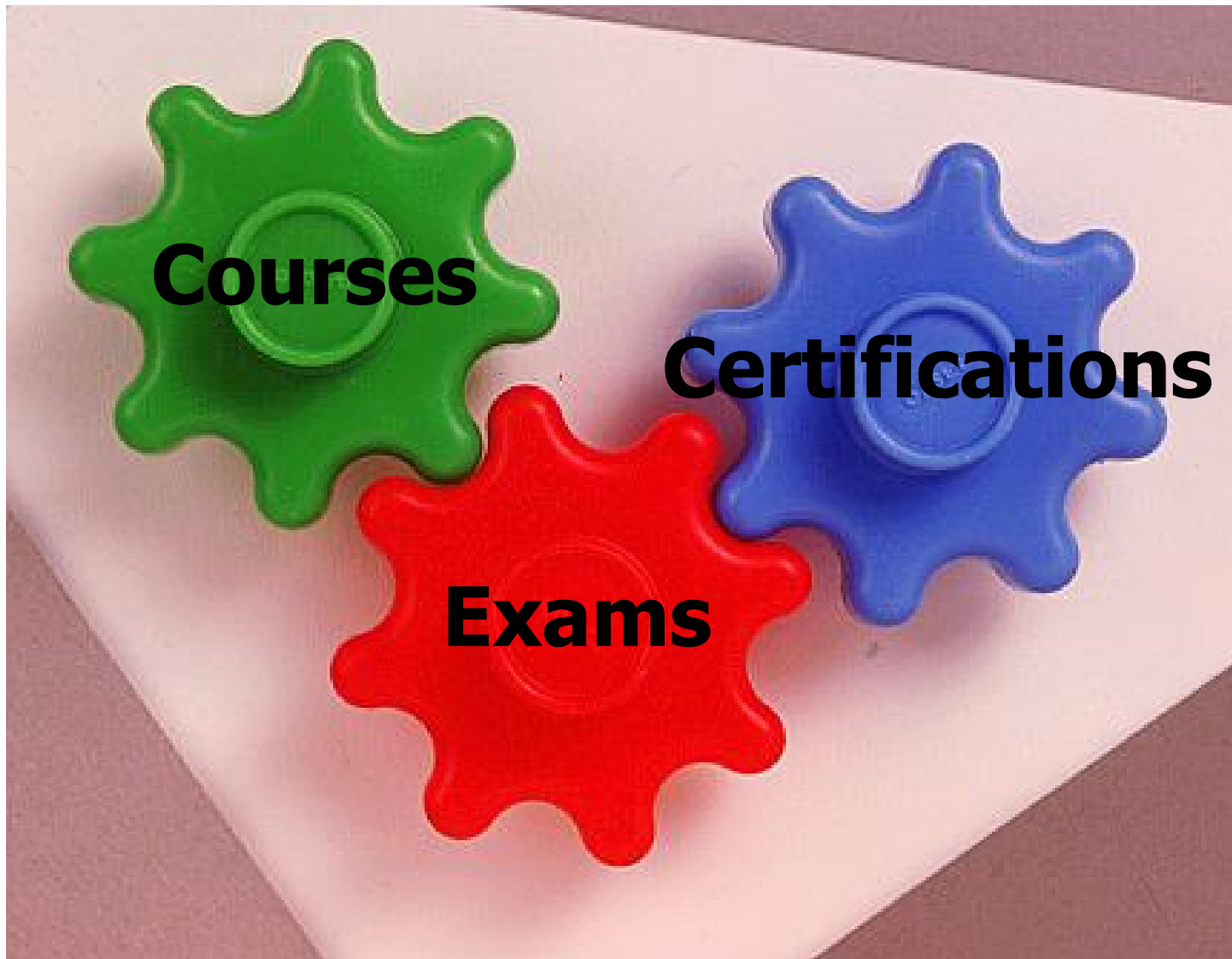
EPM IT Professional



- Project managers, program managers, members of the project management office, or participating in the deployment of an EPM solution
- Those responsible for managing, analyzing, and reporting on projects and programs in the Microsoft Office EPM environment.
- Able to recommend PWA environment configurations to create solutions for business problems.
- Those with a solid understanding of key project management concepts and terminology and The Standard for Program Management is recommended.



Credential Details





Desktop Technology Specialist (MCTS)

Certification

MCTS:
Managing Projects with Microsoft Office Project 2007

Exam

70-632: TS:
Microsoft Office Project 2007, Managing Projects

Course

5927:
Microsoft Office Project 2007, Managing Projects



EPM Technology Specialist (MCTS)

Certification

MCTS: Enterprise Project Management
with Microsoft Office Project Server 2007

Exam

Exam 70-633: TS: Microsoft Office
Project Server 2007, Managing Projects

Course

5928: Microsoft Office
Project Server 2007, Managing Projects



EPM IT Professional (MCITP)

Certification

MCITP: Enterprise Project Management
with Microsoft Office Project Server 2007

Exam

70-634: PRO: Microsoft Office Project
Server 2007, Managing Projects and Programs

Course

5929: Microsoft Office Project
Server 2007, Managing Projects and Programs



Exam Details

- No prerequisites
- Certifications awarded after passing
- Both MCTS certifications required for MCITP credential
- Multiple choice and simulation
- Recommend PMP certification
- Online exam registration at www.prometric.com
- Reasonable cost (\$125 registration fee)
- Microsoft "Second Shot" program provides a free retake offer
(*valid until 1/31/08*)

<http://www.microsoft.com/learning/mcp/offers/secondshot/default.aspx>

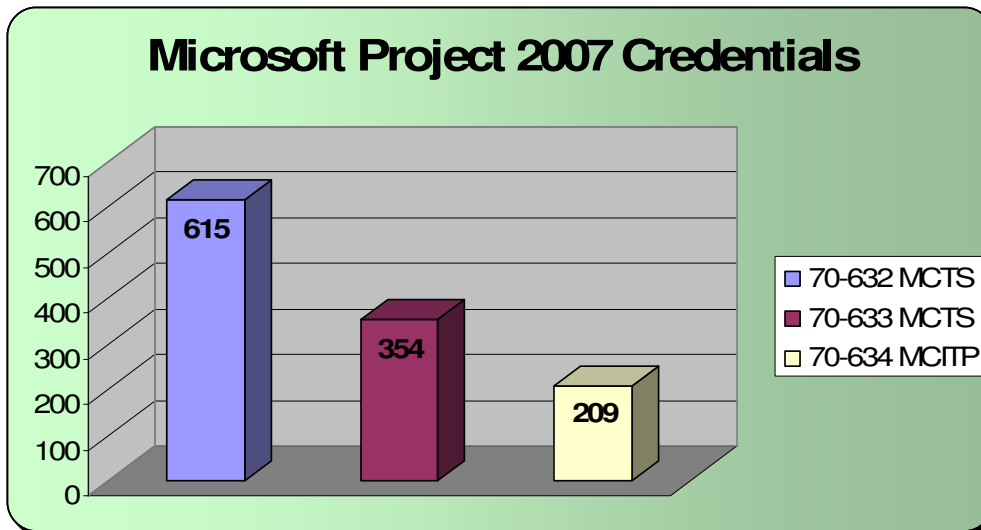


Exam Preparation

- Microsoft Official Curriculum (MOC) Courses
- IIL Project 2007 Orange, Blue and Black Belt Courses
- MPA 'Lunch-N-Learn' tool sessions
- Supporting Materials:
 - Online Preparation Guides
<http://www.microsoft.com/learning/exams/70-632.msp>
 - Microsoft Office Project 2007 Inside Out
 - Microsoft Office Project 2007 Step by Step
 - MCTS Self-Paced Training Kits (70-632 avail. May 2008)

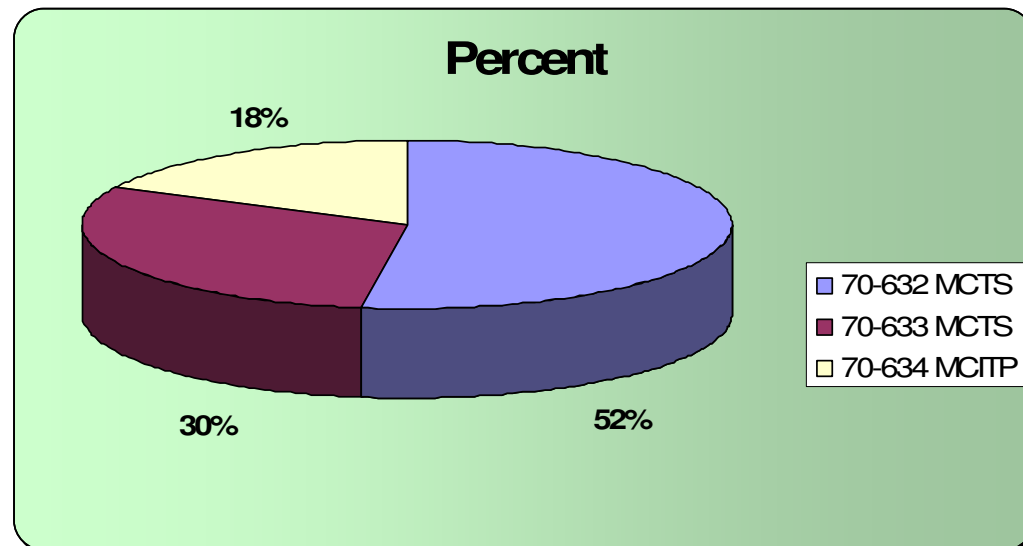


Project Certifications To Date



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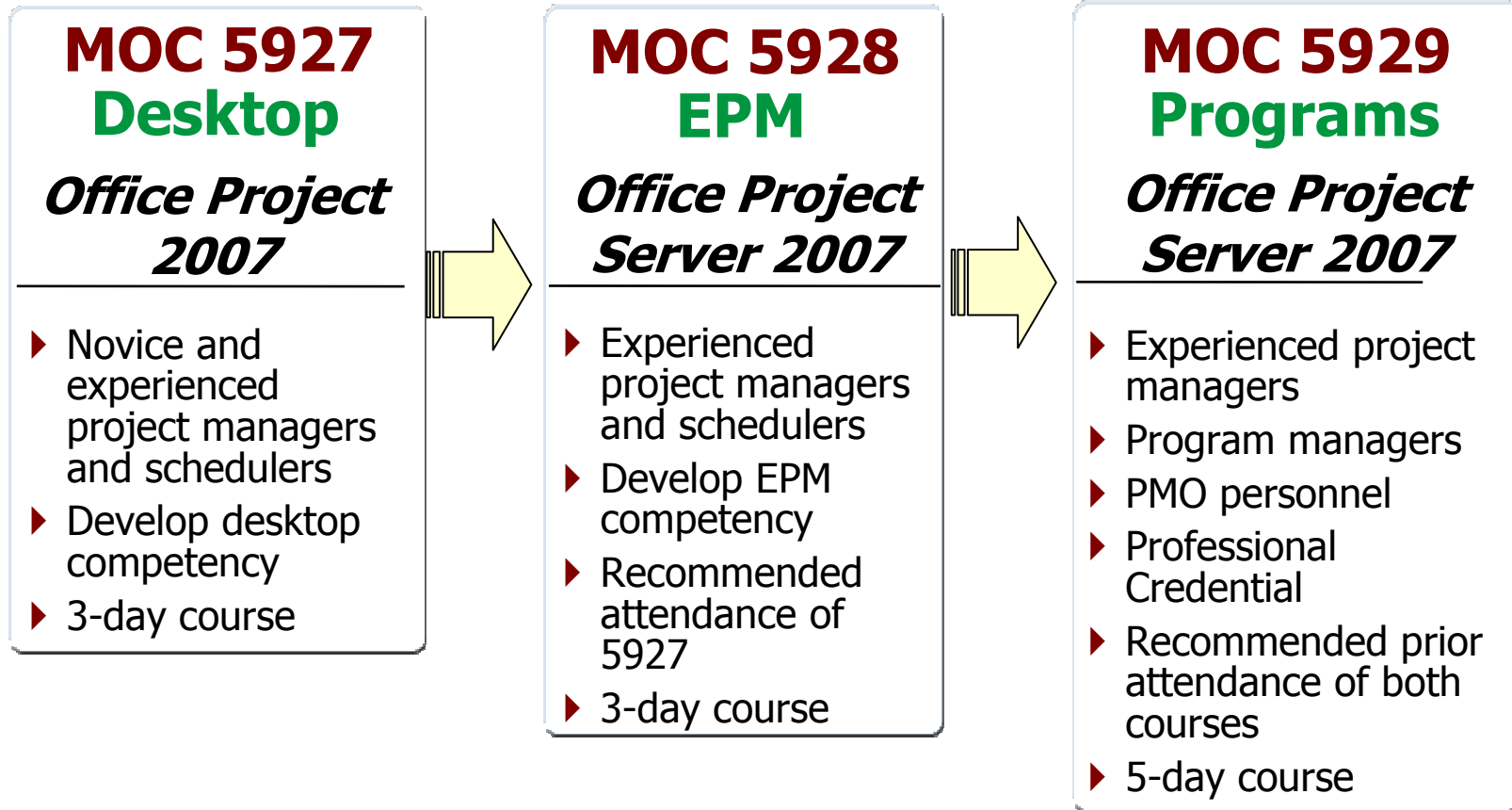
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Microsoft Official Curriculum



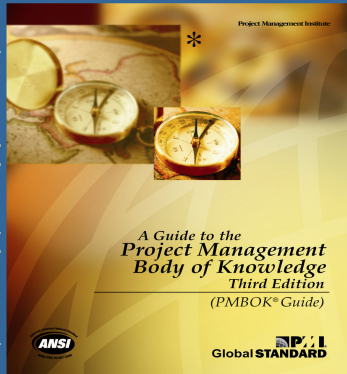
- Exam preparation
- Tool competency

- Progressive learning
- Best practices



Availability Dates

PMI's Standards



Desktop Technology Specialist

Exam: 70-632
July 2007

Course: 5927
August 2007

EPM Technology Specialist

Exam: 70-633
October 2007

Course: 5928
January 2008

EPM IT Professional

Exam: 70-634
January 2008

Course: 5929
June 2008

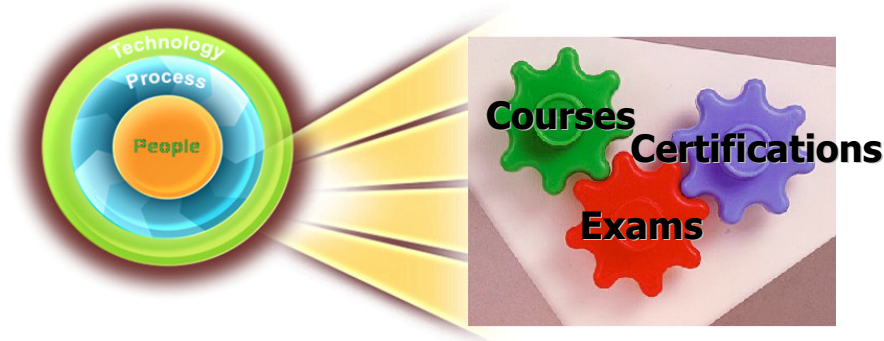
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Summary

Microsoft Office Project Certifications:

- Benefit organizations and professionals
- Support PM competency improvement
- Complement PMI PM certification
- Curriculum to develop competency and pass exams
- Growing base of certified professionals
- Take advantage off MPA events





Next Steps

1 Identify target competencies

2 Assess existing skills

3 Pursue training

4 Become certified



Questions

