

There are some essential skills that a good Project manager is expected to have. As the Project manager, the success or failure of your project lies solely on your shoulder . That is why everything must be done to guarantee project management success. Follow me as I will show you in this article, some of the interpersonal skills that you need to succeed as a Project Manager.

#1 Leadership skills

A good Project Manager is expected to be a Leader. He is expected to guide his team members to achieve success. He should be an individual that makes things happen even if he is not around. He is expected to make things as far as the project objective is concerned.

#2 Team building skill

One of the required skill for a good Project Manager is team building skill. He must be able to organise the team around the project objective. He is expected to coordiate his team and ensure that they are able to work together in order to acheive project objectives.



Image of two businessmen discussing computer project

#3 Motivation skills

One of the required skill for a good Project Management success is motivation skill. A good project manager must know how to spur his team members to do more. Although it is not advisable for a Project Manager to scold his team members. He must know how to manage recalcitrant team members as well.

#4 Communication

A Project Manager uses about seventy percent of his time in communicating. He has to communicate with team members and other stakeholders who look up to him for direction.

He is expected to update stakeholders and team members as the project progresses. The success or failure of the project lies on the Project Manager.

#5 Influencing

Another critical skill that can guarantee project success is the influencing skill of the Project Manager. He must know how to use his team members to achieve whatever he wants to achieve. He is not to enforce his will on team members but he is expected to get compliance from team members without forcing them.

#6 Decision making skills

One of the skills that a good Project Manager should have is decision making skills. The Project manager will have to make a lot of decisions concerning issues that will come up in the course of running the project. Every stakeholders are looking up to **him to give direction to the project.**

#7 Political and cultural awareness

The Project Manager is expected to be aware of the politics that played out in the organisation where he found himself. He need to know how people get things done in such organisation. Without the understanding of the politics of the organisation, he might not be able to get things done.

#8 Negotiation skills

The Project Manager **being the Procurement Manager** for the project will need to negotiate for resources that will be used for the project. He will have to enter into negotiation with the departmental managers for the release of resources that he needs in order to carry out his project tasks effectively.

#9 Trust Building

A good Project Manager must know how to build trust with the team member. For a Project Manager to succeed the team members must trust him that he can deliver. This will contribute greatly to his success. The Project Manager starts failing when the Project team doubts his ability to deliver a project successfully.

#10 Conflict Management

Definitely, there are many conflicts that will arouse in the course of managing a project. It is the duty of the Project manager to apply his conflict management methodologies in order to ensure that all conflicts that are likely to jeopardize the smooth running of the project are nipped in a bud. He has to ensure that peace prevail in order for the project to run successfully.

#11 Coaching

A good Project Manager is expected to be a coach. He must imbibe team spirit in his team members. He need to assist them in finding solutions to naughty that are likely to weigh down the entire project. He is not expected to shift blames. He has to know that the success and failure of the team lies on him.

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