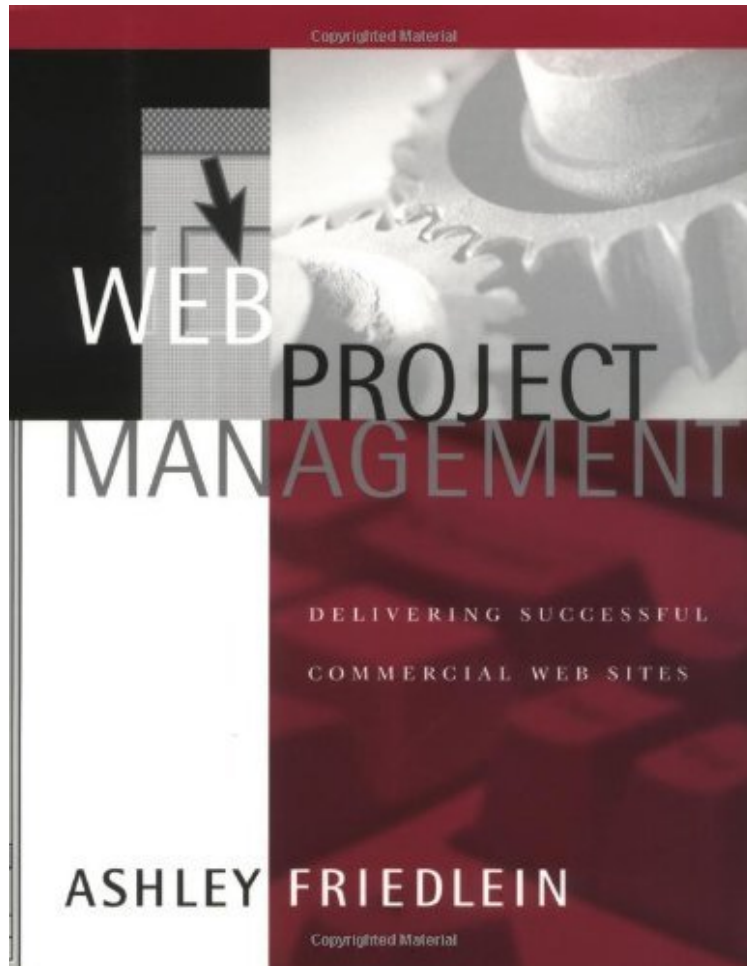


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following stages: Content, Design and Construction, Testing, Launch and Handover. I found the author's attention to content complications particularly interesting. In my experience, content is the area where web site designers and builders are the weakest, yet plays one of the most critical roles in the users' return. Maintenance plays a critical role in the updating and evolution of the site, so that it can retain and grow its user base. The final phase, Evaluation, is something of great importance to site builders and clients. Clients are demanding their web sites provide a return on investment. Sites must perform a commercial as well as a branding and marketing function to justify continued investment. If a financial benefit can be established, it is much easier to receive continued funding for existing projects or to undertake new ones. If you are involved-however tangentially-with web site development and support, you owe it to yourself to have a well-worn copy of this book gracing your bookshelves. Friedlein writes from experience - and that experience will save you time, money and quite a few headaches. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great for the Aspiring Web Director By Tinwetari I bought the ebook version for a web project management class. The information in this book has really taught me a great deal of information about properly working with the client's needs, better communication and organization and has prepared me to foresee everything that would be needed to have a successful project and returning customers. Recommended for freelancers and web designers/developers wanting to get ahead in the work force. Even current web directors could benefit from this book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A starting point for online project management By Paul Minty This book was a pioneer in establishing the scope of web project management - especially bringing together the creative and engineering sides to the project. It is applicable to dynamic and interactive websites such as found in online media and corporate websites. The project management techniques are crude and the appreciation of the software engineering issues are simplistic: but the approach used is still applicable to the majority of contemporary websites. This is a sound starting point for people starting to engage with managing the design, development and maintenance of complex websites. It should not be taken as the current state of the art.

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broadcasters. He is the author of *Web Project Management: Delivering Successful Commercial Web Sites* (2001).