



# Peter Taylor

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*Peter can be persuaded to get out of his really comfortable chair if you feel the need to hear the benefit of his wisdom at your business event.*



## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Peter is a dynamic and commercially astute professional who has achieved notable success in Project Management.

His background is in project management across three major business areas over the last 26 years, MRP/ERP systems with various software houses and KPMG, and culminating in his current role with Infor, Business Intelligence (BI) with Cognos/IBM, and product lifecycle management (PLM) with Siemens. He has spent the last 7 years leading PMOs and developing project managers and is now Senior Director for Strategic Business Development with Infor.

He is also an accomplished communicator and leader and is a professional speaker as well as the author of **'The Lazy Project Manager'** (Infinite Ideas) and **'Leading Successful PMOs'** (Gower) – and **'The Lazy Winner'** (Infinite Ideas), out in late 2011.

More information can be found at [www.thelazyprojectmanager.com](http://www.thelazyprojectmanager.com) – and through his free podcasts in iTunes.

Check out Peter live and presenting at [Lazy in Action](#)



## PRESENTATIONS

Sample presentation topics that Peter can deliver, or he can customize one for your audience:

### The Art of Productive Laziness

*'Progress isn't made by early risers. It's made by lazy men trying to find easier ways to do something.'* Robert Heinlein

Learn about the art of productive laziness with The Lazy Project Manager; understanding what is meant by the 'productive lazy' approach to Projects (and life) and learn how to apply these lessons 'to be twice as productive and still leave the office early'.

The session will cover the definition of productive laziness, the science behind the theory (yes there really is some), and will share some personal learning experiences that led to the creation of 'The Lazy Project Manager'. In addition the audience will be led through the three key project stages, one of which the 'lazy' project manager works very hard in and the second they should be in the comfortable position of enjoying the 'comfy chair' safe in the knowledge that the project is well under control. A specific focus will be made on the third area, project closure, which can be done so much better with very little effort but with a significant value add for all 'would be' lazy project managers.

### Leading Successful PMOs

What makes a great PMO leader from the business point of view and also for the project managers who work within the PMO.

Based on his new book and significant research find out how to how to build the best PMO for your business and keep it relevant to your business.



## Getting Project Management 'Out of the Box'

How many people know what you do? Beyond your fellow project managers and outside of your close family, who really understands what “being a project manager” is all about? Possibly even your close family wave you goodbye each day without really understanding what you actually do.

Taking project management “out of the box” will spread the word outside our community about what a great bunch of people we are and how project management is a valuable to skill to pretty much everybody.

We should appreciate how we are seen from “outside” our project world and understand which of our many skills others would value.

I want to shout to the world about project management and tell all the great work that I and my fellow project managers do, but is the world listening?

## Sensational Presentational

We aren't born to be professional level presenters but through this entertaining presentation the 'rights' and 'wrongs' of good presentations are explored along with a 'how to prepare' for that all important presentation.

With a few simple lessons taught through the very medium of 'presentation' the audience will take away some great ideas for improving their technique.

## Customised Presentation

Peter is happy to develop a presentation specifically for your event, just contact him to discuss your requirements. Presentations can be anything from 20 minutes through to 2 hours, or indeed full day training courses/workshops are also available.



## WORKSHOPS

Peter also delivers a series of workshops that can run from half a day to two days:

### Leading Successful PMOs (1 day)

This workshop aims to aid all would-be and current PMO leaders. As a PMO leader myself I know that this can be a really rewarding experience, but not an easy one to find the right line to balance the projects and the business demands. The workshop is about successfully leading a PMO (whatever you understand by those three letters) to deliver better projects, better business to the customers of those projects and to the organisation that you work for, and to best serve the contributing project managers from both a professional and a personal perspective.

The workshop will explore some of the research carried out by myself for my book *'Leading Successful PMOs'* (Gower). The book brings together the experience and views of PMO leaders from around the world and the project managers that work within the PMOs, as well as those who are now seeking leaders for their PMOs.

### The Lazy Project Manager and the Project from Hell (0.5 day)

This very popular fun workshop uses a composite 'project from hell' that is clearly going off the rails and heading for complete failure. Can the workshop teams identify what went wrong and guide the project back to safety and success?

Choose a team name and then build an action plan to save the 'project from hell' in race against the other teams – who will be the best 'lazy' project manager?

### The Lazy Project Manager (1 to 2 days)

This unique course will deliver On Time: On Budget: but with an Agile approach to Scope (in order to deliver the skills that are specifically needed)

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life) and learn how to apply these lessons ‘to be twice as productive and still leave the office early’.

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Then the unique part, the course is designed to be flexible to suit the audience; and the workshop members will vote for what areas of project activity that they would like to focus on in the second half of the course.

The 1 and the 2 day version can include the Project from Hell workshop as an option.



## SPEAKING REFERENCES

Peter Taylor Author and Public Speaker at [‘The Lazy Project Manager Ltd’](#)

“Peter is a powerful, passionate and persuasive speaker. His presentation at the PMI Gdansk Branch, Poland Chapter event was one of the most exciting and memorable speeches we've ever had!”

**Malgorzata Kusyk**, *Project Manager, Thomson Reuters January 2011*

“Peter Taylor spoke at the NYC chapter of PMI Professional Development Day September 24, 2010. His presentation was "The Lazy Project Manager".

The meeting room was "standing room only". His presentation was informative, educational and entertaining. Peter is a self-effacing presenter poking fun at himself. All of this is what makes his presentation so good. If you are looking for a terrific presenter for your event, I highly recommend Peter.

**Karen Fox**, *President, PMI NYC” September 2010*

“Entertaining public speaker and world-famous author of The Lazy Project Manager Peter has spoken at a number of PMI UK events and has always been very well received. Highly recommend his book too! All this and a day job...read the book to find out how!”

**Chris Field**, *President, PMI UK Chapter November 2009*

“Mr. Taylor, an expert on his area of knowledge, kindly supported our IX PMI International Seminar in Sao Paulo (2009) giving us the best of his experience as a Project Manager. He wisely spoke for more than 300 people.”

**Tânia Belmiro**, *PMI Sao Paulo October 2009*

“Peter is a fantastic public speaker and a highly knowledgeable expert. He has a unique ability to deliver even the most complex messages with ease, using humour to connect with the audience, leaving a lasting impression. It's a pleasure to know him and I look forward to the next opportunity to work again.”

**Mihaly Nagy**, *Project Zone; Copenhagen and Budapest 2010 and 2011*



## CONTACT DETAILS

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## THE BOOK

As an added bonus to your project managers why not include a copy of the international hit (70,000 copies sold) 'The Lazy Project Manager' as a takeaway?

Volume discounts are available.

Book: *The Lazy Project Manager*; Hardcover: 160 pages; Publisher: Infinite Ideas

