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Workshop Agile Scrum Foundation

Taking advantage of the Lean & Agile mindset

You are faced with both the need for high-speed delivery and with business requirements that are rapidly changing as well. Hearing the success stories of the Agile approach, you may wonder whether a more Agile way of working would be also profitable in your situation. Perhaps you are convinced of the potential benefits of this new paradigm already, but you need to win over doubtful colleagues. Or your development team must grasp the essentials of the Agile body of thought in order to make an effective transition.



*If you are looking for a pragmatic introduction to the fundamentals of the Agile approach and the benefits for your organization, the Workshop 'Agile Foundation' offered by **Improvement T** is the choice to consider. In order to have a maximum output, this interactive, one-day in-house workshop is tailored to give the answers you're looking for.*

The essence of the Agile way of working

The traditional software development approach is based on tight control, linear thinking, deterministic models, prescriptive (or even bureaucratic) processes and top-down practices. The Agile approach embodies the notion of *dynamic stability* in the creation of large, complicated, multi-disciplinary software-intensive systems. Agile helps to create an adaptive culture in which uncertainty and change are assumed to be the natural state.

According to the Agile principles, satisfying the end-user and customer has the highest priority. This implies that hearing the voice of the customer is of vital importance. The Agile way of working is based on team effort, and includes many practices to empower development teams in order to make them your major asset.

What is the goal of the Agile approach?

Major objective of the Agile approach is doing whatever it takes to make your development project a long-lasting success. The key business objective of Agile is to deliver customer value today *and* creating an adaptable product for tomorrow. Agility means becoming and staying successful in ever-changing environments. Agile requires a mindset that fosters continuous innovation, in demanding environments with reduced delivery schedules to meet market windows.

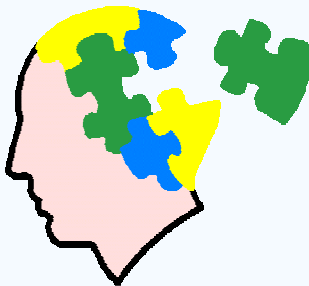
Empirical evidence has shown that Agile development, when done well, shows a high return on investment. Ultimately, the measurable goal of Agile is to build change-tolerant software-intensive systems with one-third the human effort, one-third the development hours and one-third the investment as compared to what a CMM Level 3 organization would achieve.

What is on the agenda of the workshop?

The workshop starts with an overview of all major project threads, in order to illustrate common inadequacies of the traditional project management approach, and to lay the foundation for a introduction of present-day Agile & Lean practices in the creation of modern software-intensive systems.

The workshop comprises an overview of the different development methodologies that are found under the Agile umbrella. The essential practices of the Agile Scrum project management method will be covered in detail.

A variety of strategic and practical issues will be covered during the workshop, such as common pitfalls in rolling out Agile Scrum, Scrum for multidisciplinary and/or multisite teams, Agile project planning & estimation, maximizing customer satisfaction, optimizing the workflow and elimination of waste, combining an Agile approach with traditional fixed-price/fixed-scope contracts, setting up Agile teams in a non-agile environment, etc.



What is the deliverable of the workshop?

After finishing the workshop, you:

- comprehend the fundamental principles of the Lean and Agile way of working;
- clearly understand all vital elements of the Scrum method for Agile project management;
- are able to make an underlined decision for a successful introduction of the Agile approach in your own working environment;
- are prepared for the Agile Foundation Examination offered by the Agile Consortium Benelux.

Who will give the workshop?



The workshop is presented by Erik Philippus, founder of **ImprovementT** BV, Certified Scrum Master/Practitioner™, and member of the Agile and Scrum Alliance.



Ing. Erik Philippus combines three decades of hands-on experience in Software and System Engineering in a variety of industrial projects and roles, with expertise in coaching techniques (TOP-coach), trainer skills (Masterclass Agile Architecting) and professional competences in Project Leadership, Software/System Architecting, Quality-driven System Development, Lean Manufacturing and Agile Scrum.

What is the investment?

The Workshop 'Agile Scrum Foundation' is offered as one-day interactive training. The intended audience consists of system engineers, software developers, project leaders, architects, managers and executives. The maximum number of participants is 20.

The overall investment for this in-house workshop is € 2.895,-, excluding VAT, location costs and travel & accommodation expenses, but including preparatory activities, a booklet with background information and hand-outs for all participants. The Agile Foundation multiple-choice examination is optional, see for more information: www.agileconsortium.nl.

Are you interested?

Please contact **ImprovementT** for more information, or make an appointment for an introductory and exploratory conversation.

At your service,
Erik Philippus