Agile for Managers

Duration

1 day

Intended for

Managers in organisations that need to quickly obtain an overview of Agile concepts and how they can be applied.

Are you a manager considering adopting and agile approach?

Agile delivery is the way of the future, and the present, with a greater emphasis on delivering on time, on budget and to the satisfaction of the customer.

This course explores what agile is, how you can benefit from an iterative and collaborative approach, and what it can do for your business. It covers methods including Scrum, XP and Kanban, and it will help you to prepare for the change that agile brings.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course you will understand:

- The background and key motivators for adopting agile across the organisation
- The core practices and philosophies behind a number of agile approaches
- The dynamics of an agile culture within the business
- The benefits and ROI for agile
- What type of support agile requires
- The typical failure / struggle / anti patterns in organisations adopting agile
- Modern agile disciplines, success factors and base patterns
- The implications and changes that might be required in your organisation for agile to succeed.

Content

- The current landscape and why agility matters
- What is agile and why did it come about?
- The Agile Manifesto
- Agile in your own context
- Agile as a mindset
- Exploring agile
- Agility defined
- Agile life cycle explained
- Key agile practices
- Agile failure/ struggle/ anti-patterns
- The ROI of agile
- Benefits of agile
- Cost of agile versus other approaches
- Modern management theories and how they support organisational agility
- Many levels of planning
- People and communication
- Change, how do we make it work?
- Leadership
- Exploring modern agile
- Modern agile disciplines
- Success factors
- Agile base patterns
- The how of agile
- Team fundamentals
  - Self-organising teams
  - Team roles

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- Project management
- Servant leadership
- Communication
- Agile work processes and flow
  - Scrum, XP
  - Kanban
  - Scaling agile
  - Other agile approaches
- Team rituals
  - Planning and backlog grooming
  - Daily standups
  - Showcase
  - Retrospectives
- Agile governance
  - Tools and reporting
  - Definition of ready and definition of done
  - Stories, prioritising stories, story walls
  - Tracking with BVCs
  - Types of agile walls
  - Burn-up and burn-down charts
  - Metrics that matter
- Implications for adopting agile
  - For individuals
  - For managers
  - For executives
  - For organisations
- Looking ahead
- Where to from here
- Creating your own agile adoption backlog to prioritise next steps

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