



Certified ScrumMaster Course

Description Two-day course that introduces the concepts of Agile project leadership using the Scrum methodology

Dates February 26 – 27, 2009

Venue swissôtel Zürich, Am Marktplatz Oerlikon, Schulstrasse 44, 8050 Zurich

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Introduction

Scrum is an agile, lightweight process that can be used to manage and control software development. Using iterative and incremental practices, Scrum generates the team productivity and morale benefits of agile development with the advantages of a simple implementation. This Statement of Work outlines a set of presentations that share time-tested practices for managing product backlogs, planning your releases and Sprints and tracking and reporting progress.

More information about Scrum:



www.scrumalliance.org

Content and objectives

The Certified ScrumMaster Course (“CSM”) is a two-day course which introduces the concepts of Agile project leadership using the Scrum methodology. Successful participants will become Certified ScrumMasters, a first step in the journey towards this more adaptive form of project leadership. Through this CSM training course, students will learn how to plan and run Sprint Planning Meetings, daily Scrum Meetings, Sprint Reviews, Sprint Retrospectives and more. Successful participants will be listed as Certified ScrumMasters on the Scrum Alliance website and will receive a one-year membership to the Scrum Alliance.

The course format consists of multiple lecture topics, group exercises and group discussion. Ample time will be devoted to analysis of the “real-world” industry experiences of the ScrumMaster Course instructor based on case study examples and his experience managing Agile projects and coaching Scrum teams.

Course outline

Overview of Agile & Scrum

- What is Agile
- Why Scrum works
- What Scrum is
- Origins

Roles: The ScrumMaster

- Responsibilities and mindset
- What makes a good ScrumMaster
- ScrumMaster as team member

Roles: The Product Owner

- Description and responsibilities
- Vision & the Product backlog
- User stories on the product backlog
- INVEST in your backlog

Roles: The team

- Composition and cross functionality
- Organizing

Meetings

- Planning
- The daily scrum
- Sprint review

Sprint retrospective Sprints

- What is potentially shippable?
- How does architecture fit?
- Sprint length and release sprints
- Abnormal terminations

Sprint planning

- Prioritization and the sprint goal
- Sprint planning meeting

Release planning and Progress tracking

- Estimating the product backlog
- Release planning meeting
- Burndown charts & taskboards

Scaling

- The scrum of scrums
- Focus of initial sprints
- Shared vs. specific product backlogs
- Getting started & common pitfalls

Coach

Mitch Lacey, PMP, CST, Program Manager

Mitch Lacey is an agile practitioner and trainer. Mitch has been managing projects for over twelve years and has numerous plan-driven and agile projects under his belt.

Mitch honed his agile skills at Microsoft Corporation, where he successfully released core enterprise services for Windows Live. While at Microsoft, he transitioned from Program Manager to Agile Coach, working hand-in-hand with groups throughout their transition to Agile practices. After Microsoft, Mitch was the Agile Practice Manager at Ascentium Corporation where he practiced agility on the projects he ran every day while coaching customers on agile practices and lessons on agile adoption worldwide.

As a Certified Scrum Trainer (CST) and a registered Project Management Professional (PMP), Mitch shares his experience in project and client management through Certified ScrumMaster courses, Agile coaching engagements, conference presentations, blogs and white papers.



He is the author of "Adventures in Promiscuous Pairing" presented and published at the Agile 2006 conference, "Transitioning to Agile: Key Lessons Learned in the Field" presented and published at the Fall 2007 PMI Global Congress in Atlanta, Georgia and "The Impacts of Poor Estimating - and How to Fix It" presented and published at the winter 2007 SQE Agile development conference in Orlando, Florida. He is presenting at Agile 2008 in Toronto Canada on a variety of topics, as well as the Better Software Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada in June 2008.

Mitch is currently under contract with Addison Wesley to publish a book titled "Adopting Agile: 101 Tips for Surviving Your First Year" scheduled for publication in 2009.

Mitch Lacey's Website: www.mitchlacey.com

Format

The course includes several lectures on various topics by the coach as well as exercises in small groups and group discussions.

Date and venue

The duration of this session is 2 full days:

February 26 – 27, 2009 (Thursday – Friday)
from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Venue:

swissôtel Zürich

Am Marktplatz Oerlikon

Schulstrasse 44

8050 Zürich

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Course fees

The course fee is € 1250 per attendee (excluding VAT) if booked prior to 01.02.2009. Attendees who book after that date will pay the full fee of € 1350 excluding VAT. The fee covers all course materials and daytime meals and includes certification and registration with the Scrum Alliance as well as a one-year membership to the Scrum Alliance.

Course fees must be paid in full 1 week prior to the course. Please note that cancellations received prior to 16.02.2009 are subject to a 25% cancellation fee. Cancellations received after that date will not be refunded. Should the agenda, date, coach or venue change, TechTalk will undertake to accommodate participants' wishes as far as reasonably possible when organising an alternative. The coach reserves the right to adapt course content to suit participants' concrete requirements.

Please note that places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Payment: attendees will receive an invoice by mail and e-mail within 1 week of registration.

Registration

If you have any questions about the Certified ScrumMaster course, please contact us by e-mail.

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