



FEBRUARY 2008 EVENT

Event Theme

Agility at Scale: Applying Agile Software Development Techniques on Real-World Projects

Presenters

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Topic Summaries

Agile approaches enable you to achieve greater quality, improved return on investment (ROI), reduced time to market, and significantly easier governance. However, they also require greater collaboration, teamwork, and discipline on the part of IT professionals and business stakeholders. In today's IT organizations, how may agile software development techniques be adopted and scaled to apply to complex situations?

Toronto SPIN is pleased to bring back Scott Ambler and Kevin Aguanno to speak on the topic of agile adoption. This exciting tag-team presentation will introduce agile methodologies and dispel commonly-held myths about agile software development, share data from a recent industry survey on the adoption rate of agile technologies, and explore scaling issues (such as distributed development teams, regulatory compliance, governance, large teams, complex environments, and leveraging legacy assets). In addition, Kevin Aguanno will present a case study of a 200-person, geographically-distributed agile software development project spanning 17 cities and 4 countries.

Biographies

Scott W. Ambler is the Practice Leader Agile Development at IBM Corporation. Scott works in the IBM Methods group developing process materials and travels the world helping clients understand and adopt the software processes which are right for them. Scott is an award-winning author of several books, including books focused on the Unified Process, agile software development, the Unified Modeling language, and CMM-based development. Scott is a regular speaker at international IT conferences and is a contributing editor with [Dr. Dobb's Journal](#).

Prior to working for IBM, Scott led the development of several software processes, including [Agile Modeling](#) (AM), [Agile Data](#) (AD), [Enterprise Unified Process](#) (EUP), and [Agile Unified Process](#) (AUP) methodologies.

Scott holds a BSC in Computer Science and a Master of Information Science from the University of Toronto.

Kevin Aguanno is a certified senior project manager with over seventeen years of experience. Winner of several international awards, he actively researches and writes about project management and agile development methods. Kevin is known in the industry for his expertise in turning around troubled software development projects. To bring about dramatic changes in these situations, Kevin has learned to change the rules of the game by incorporating agile development methods.

Date / Time

Tuesday, February 5th, 2008 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Note: Light supper included prior to presentations.

Location

Auditorium, IBM Canada
 3600 Steeles Avenue East
 (northeast corner of Steeles & Pharmacy)
 Markham, Ontario, L3R-9Z7
 Free Visitor parking available (follow signs)

Registration

<http://www.TorontoSPIN.com> \$20.00 at the door

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