

Introduction: Our Real-World Scrum Workshop

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- I can send you a PDF of this slide deck...
- ...if I have your email address (associated with this webinar)
- ...to be sure, leave it in the Chat or email info@LeanAgileTraining.com



Ask questions

- Ask along the way
 - By voice
 - Or via Chat
- And you can ask at the end
- And THANKS for asking the first question, so that others are not shy asking the next question.



Why the Real-World Scrum workshop?

- You've taken the CSM / CSPO course.
- You've read some articles / books.
- Maybe even tried Scrum some (maybe even a lot)
- BUT: You're puzzled, you don't know where to start, you feel you have some problems... You want help!
- This is the workshop to help you.
- We help you make it **real**.



Punchline to Irish joke

- “If I were you, I wouldn’t start from here.”
- In general, our opinion is you must start from where you are now.
- Where you are now is NEVER where you want to start.



Yogi Berra

“In theory there’s no difference between theory and practice.

In practice, there is.”

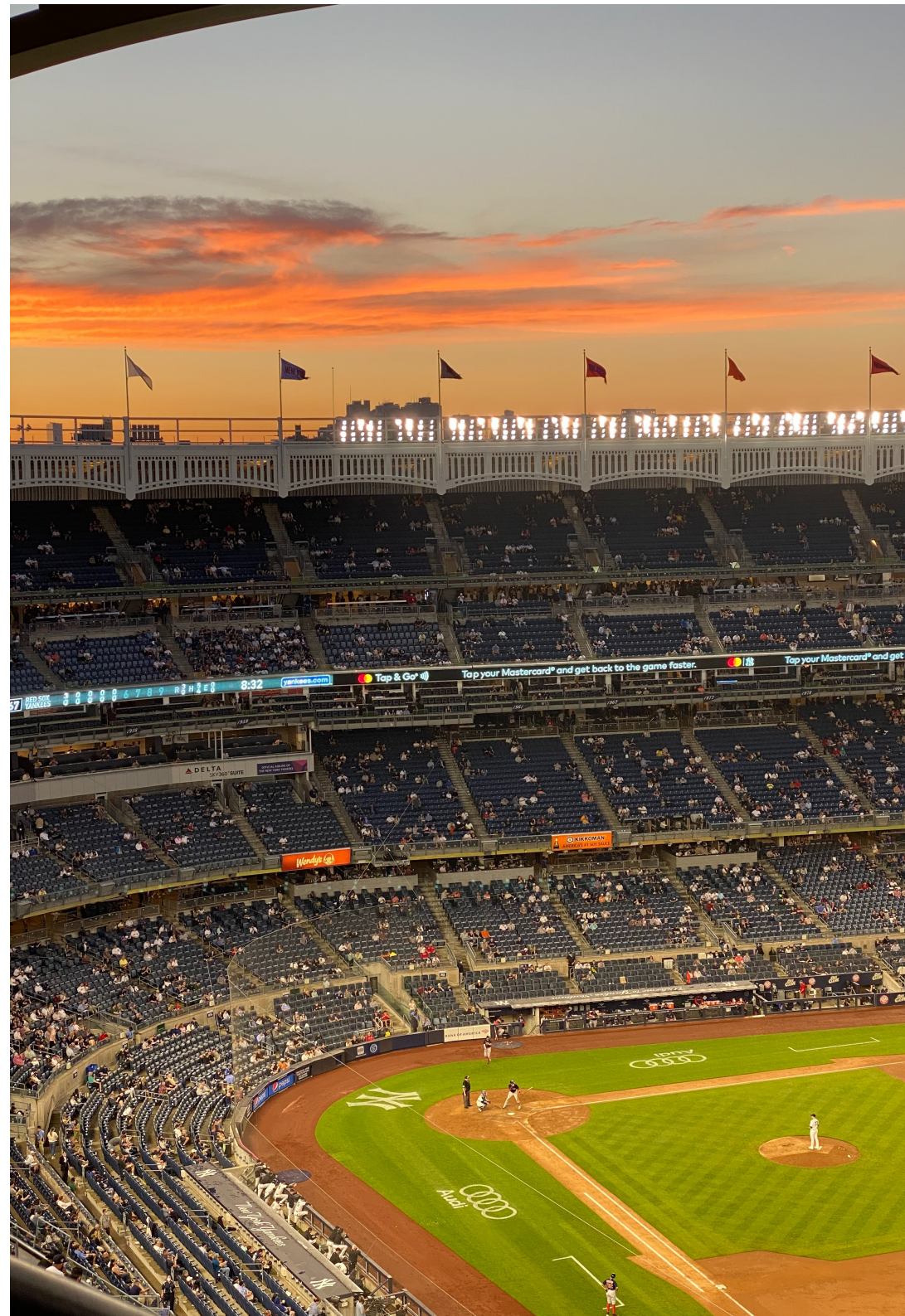


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Goethe

“Everything’s impossible until it becomes easy.”

AKA, practice, trial and error, and eventually you learn.

We help you learn and adjust faster.



Mastery

- We accept your “level of play” for now
- We do not recommend sloppy or not improving
- We help you on the path to Mastery



For:

- ScrumMasters
 - Agile coaches
 - Developers
 - Product Owners
 - Managers
 - Others
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- Bring your whole Team
 - They need to buy-in together



Details

- Given: Frequently
- Online and in-person
- **8 hours**
- Online: 2 Half days (or Full)
- In-Person: Full day



Two Types

- Public
- In-House
 - 10+ people from same company
 - Ex: Bring 2 teams



Some reasons...

- “Scrum is simple, but very hard to master”
- Scrum is only a bare framework
- Everyone has too much the old mindset
- There is too much to change - we can only change at some reasonable pace
- Some Scrum-Agile ideas are counter-intuitive
- Your situation or culture just won't allow you to do all of agile-scrum now
- Agile-Scrum must be adapted to your own specific situation



Therefore:

- You need this help, this workshop
- To figure out how to cut the Gordian knot (as some feel it)
- What to do now?
- How to make progress?
- Where do I think I can get to?



Reduce the FUD

- FUD is Fear, Uncertainty, Doubt
- Increase the confidence



Real

- We take your real problems
- Prioritize them, work them.
- We identify some key “starting” activities as well.
- We help you as much as we can in the time box.
- **We expect that attendees are coming from different places. And different perspectives.**
- We identify the problems —> we move toward solutions.



Areas to cover

- What would you like it to cover?
- Please list in the chat.

- Short answer: We will likely cover what you want.
- AND: we will influence you to cover also other things, things you haven't considered yet.



Possible Areas - 1

- Starting a Team
- Using the Impediment List
- Setting up the (emergent) product backlog & work
- Adding additional Scrum patterns, or things from outside Scrum
- What if you can't do everything in the Scrum Guide?
- What if I have a non-software project / product
- Some help getting changes to happen
- Our PO situation is a mess



Areas - 2

- Work before the first (real) Sprint
- PB Refinement - how for us?
- Identifying how good a Team we have
- We are not doing X. Should we give up on Scrum? (Common answer is no, but you may need some adaptation. But what?)
- How to work with other teams or groups or people?



Areas - 3

- How to “manage” the chickens
- Planning and delivering in the Sprints
- Too much “interrupt” work for most sprints
- What will collaboration mean for us?
- How will we self-manage
- How will we make decisions
- Doing remote work better



Each workshop is unique

- Yes, we will often cover some of the same topics
- BUT: Each workshop will be adaptive to the needs of the people there, and what they need most now.
- Yes, you may attend more than once.



Results — 1

- FUD has dissipated.
- You feel some problems are solved.
- You feel you know what to do next.
- You have confidence you can get some value from Scrum, even though you're not doing things correctly (yet)
- You are more motivated (less discouraged, concerned)
- You feel you can now prioritize your changes



Results — 2

- We have an initial “plan” (things to work on) and “we can improve.”
- The people in the workshop don’t just have new ideas — they also have an Agile experience.
- Two key words are more real: adaptive and improving
- You have more confidence that you can explain “getting started” (or “starting to change”) to the right people



Maybe Something Different?

- We have done lots of other workshops.
- If you want to go in-depth on one or a few topics, and you have (probably) 10 people, we would be happy to design a special workshop for you.
 - Probably an “in-house” workshop.
- Please contact us to discuss (info@leanagiletraining.com)



What RWS is NOT.

- Agile Release Planning workshop (I do one on this)
- Workshop on Scrum tools (should be tool specific, IMO)
- Becoming a great agile developer (see CSD course)
- Very in-depth on one or two topics. (Special workshop)
- We may touch on these topics, but if one is a focal point, let's address that a different way



Recommended

- That they took the workshop - people are happy.
- We have been doing this in other ways for years.
- We know, from those experiences, that people need this. They have said so.
- ***“It’s where it all came together for me.”***



Workshops

- We will do this workshop regularly.
- See: <https://leanagiletraining.com/lean-agile-and-scrum-courses/>
- Next scheduled: <https://leanagiletraining.com/courses/real-world-scrum-clt-2024-0411/>
- More to add. (Influence me!)



Get ready for questions

- Will ask in a moment



Webinars

- We offer free webinars as follow-up to this workshop.
- 1 hour on specific topics.
- You can propose a topic.
- To find these webinars:
- <https://leanagiletraining.com/lean-agile-and-scrum-courses/>
- https://www.meetup.com/lat_webinars/



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