

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, or you don't know where to start, or you feel you have some problems... You want help!
- This is the workshop to help you.
- We help you make it **real**.



Punchline to an 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. But, start there you must...



Yogi Berra

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

In practice, there is.”

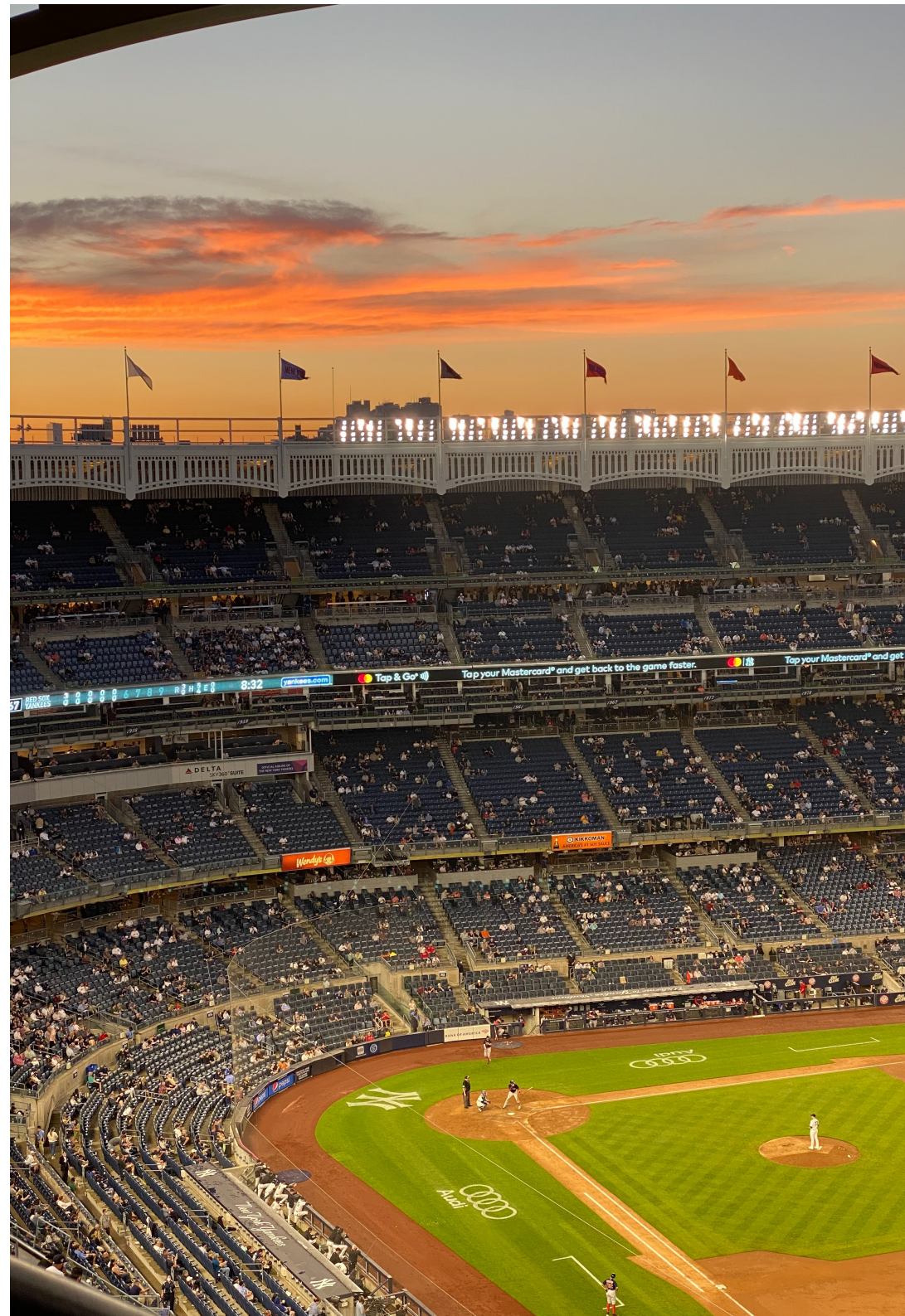


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Goethe

“Everything’s impossible until it becomes easy.”

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

We help you learn and adjust faster.

Enough to “get started” decently.



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:

- Bring your whole Team
- ScrumMasters
- Agile coaches
- Developers
- Product Owners
- Managers
- Others

[OR: Bring as many as you can!]

- Better if more buy-in together



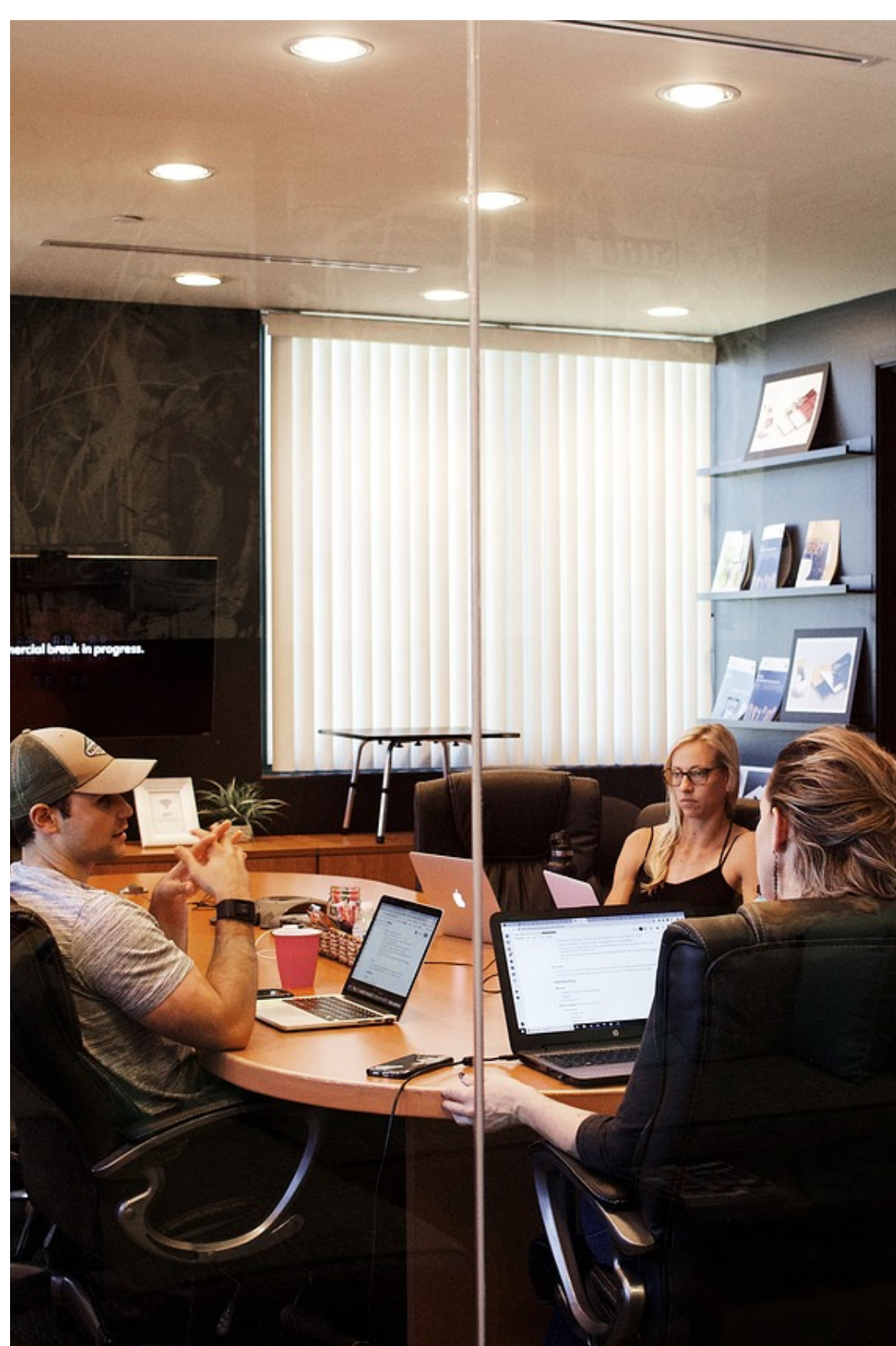
Details

- 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 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?
- Is it ok if we start with Scrum-ish?



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 had an Agile experience.
- Two key words are more real: adaptive and improving
- You are more confident 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 ~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 better agile developer (see CSD course)
- Very in-depth on one or two topics. (Special workshop)
- We may touch on these topics, but if... , let's address that a different way



Recommended

- People are happy - That they took the workshop -.
- 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: Mar 26 - Charlotte
- <https://leanagiletraining.com/courses/real-world-scrum-clt-2025-0326/>
- <https://leanagiletraining.com/courses/real-world-scrum-clt-2025-0411/>
- \$250
- Propose a date! (if 3+ people).



Get ready — your 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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