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Release Train Engineer in Scaled Agile
Framework (SAFe)
New kid on the block?



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Digital transformation is disrupting every industry across the globe

It's not just tech companies.

From shipbuilders and farmers to banks,
airlines, and government agencies,

**virtually every major organization is on
some sort of digital transformation journey.**

In 2018, enterprises are expected to invest **\$1.3 trillion** in digital transformation initiatives.

Many will not reach their stated goals.

IDC Worldwide Semiannual Digital Transformation Spending Guide

<https://www.idc.com/getdoc.jsp?containerId=prUS43381817>



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Organisational Agility

*"In this age of digital disruption, no sector is safe.
[...] Executives wonder how to change their companies to satisfy customers.*

The answer: Achieve greater agility.

More than simply a single process or methodology, organizational agility is the ability to:

- *Adjust strategies on a continuous basis*
- *Empower employees to make key decisions on challenging projects*
- *Respond to ambiguity and uncertainty with flexibility and speed*
- *View unanticipated change as an opportunity for transformation "*



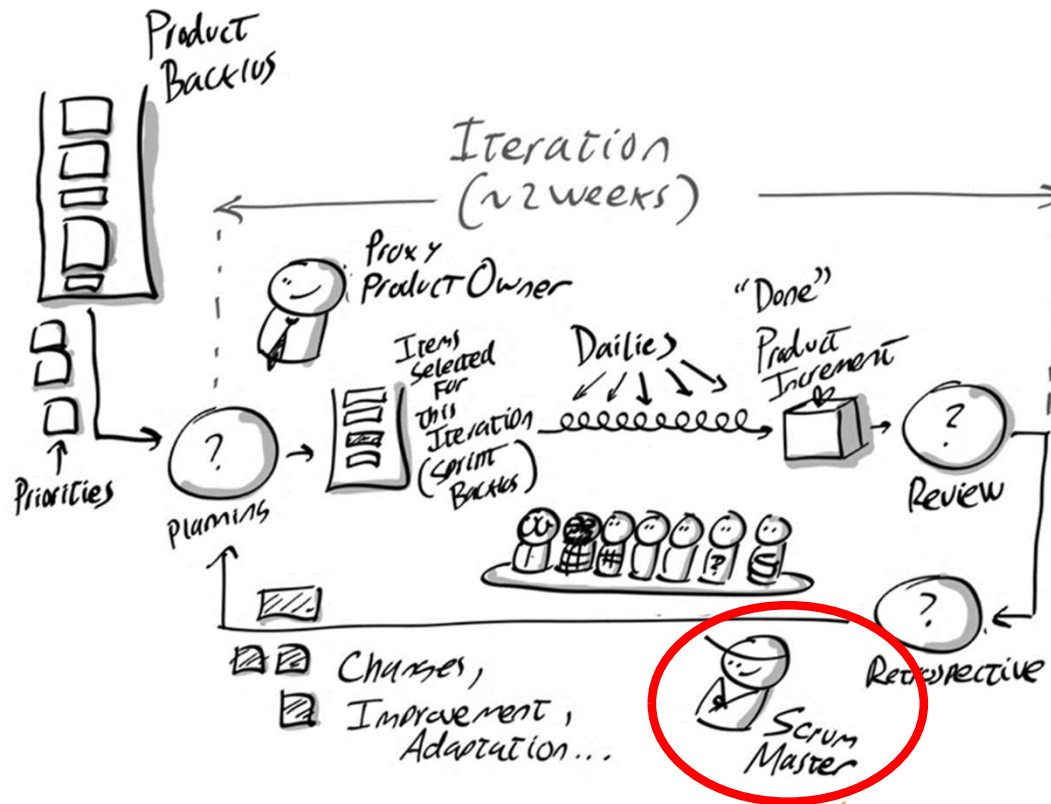
Forbes

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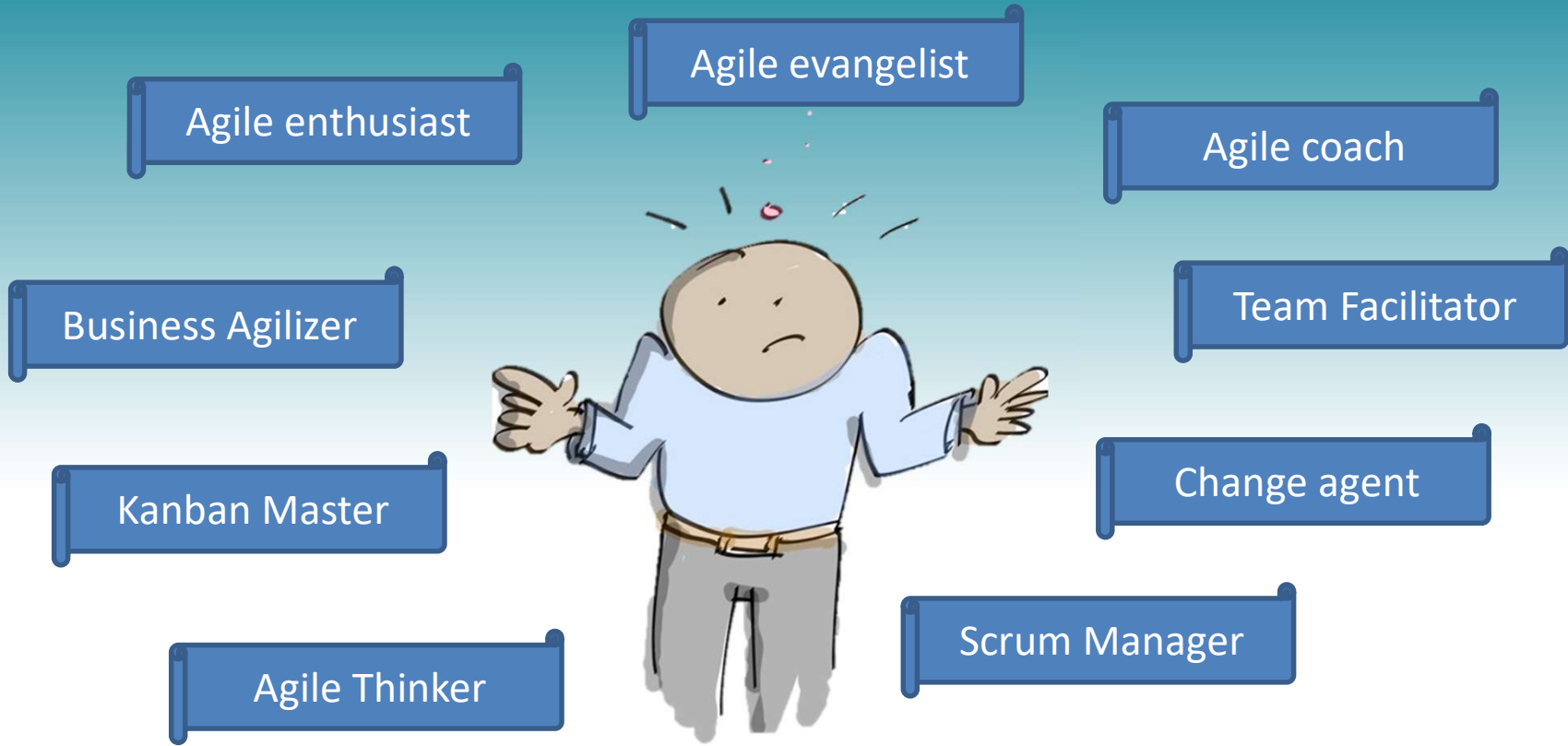


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Scrum

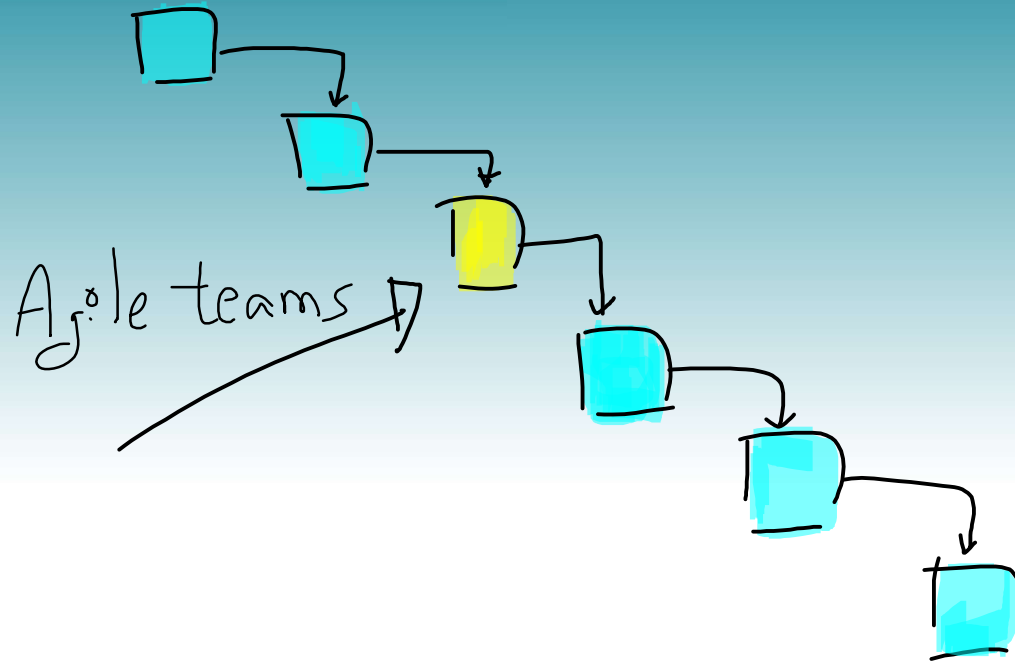


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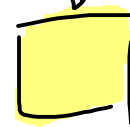
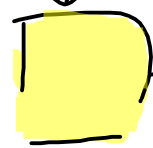
“Every business is a software business now. Agility isn't an option, or a thing just for teams, it is a business imperative. But we struggle building big systems. **What’s needed is a Lean Enterprise.**”

—Dean Leffingwell

Creator of SAFe

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The world's leading framework for enterprise agility

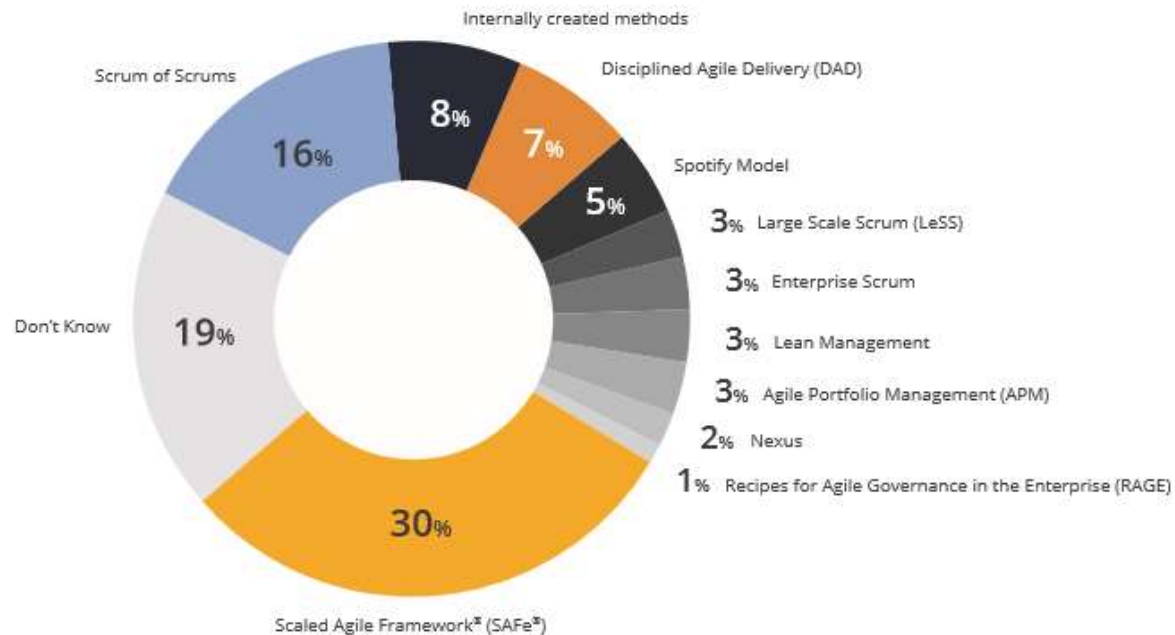
SAFe® for Lean Enterprises is a knowledge base of proven, integrated principles, practices, and competencies for Lean, Agile, and DevOps

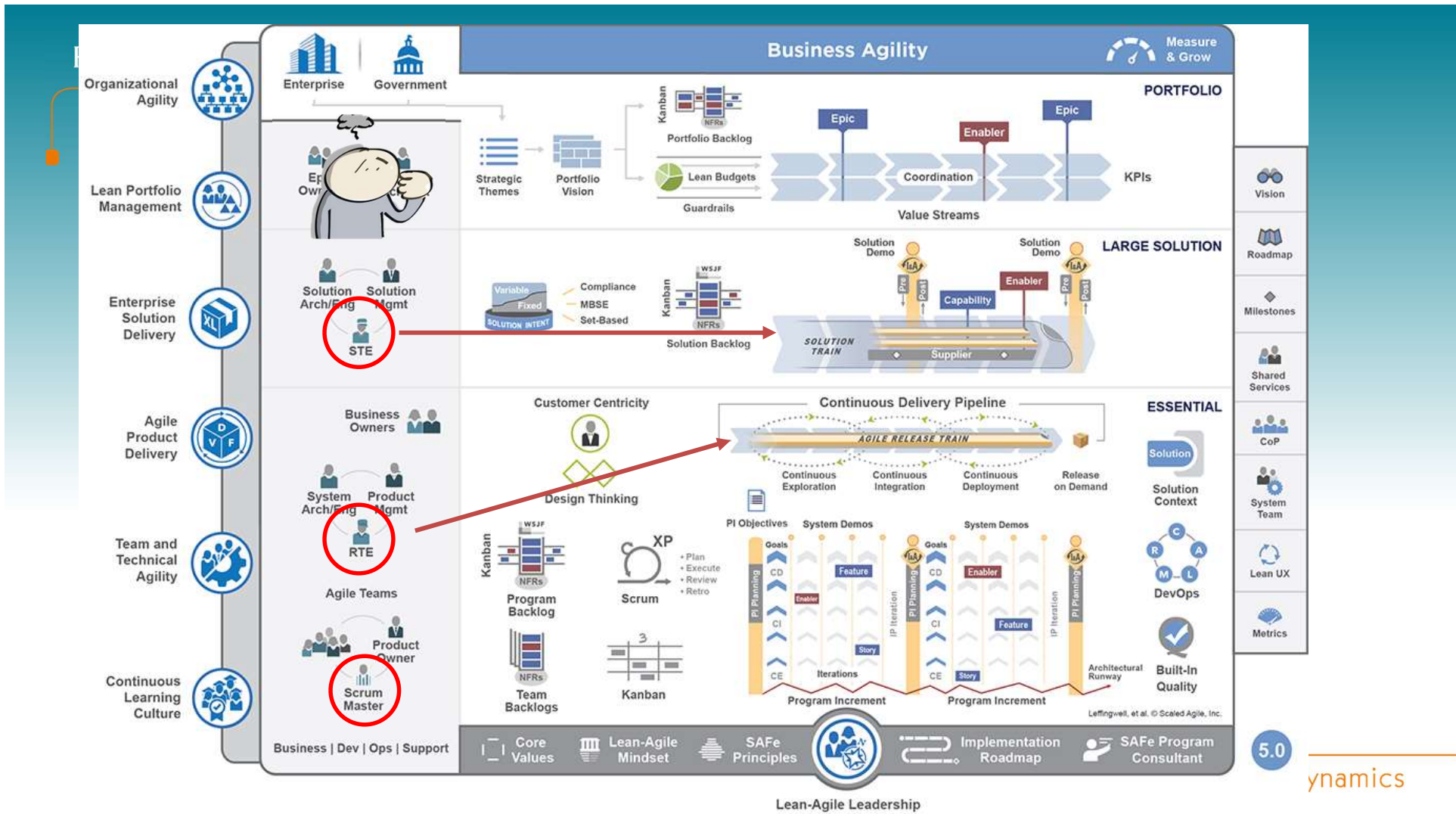
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SCALING AGILE

Scaling Methods and Approaches

The Scaled Agile Framework® continues to be the most popular scaling method cited by respondents (30% this year compared to 29% last year).





RTE

The Release Train Engineer (RTE) is a **servant leader** and coach for the Agile Release Train (ART). The RTE's major responsibilities are to **facilitate** the ART events and processes and **assist the teams in delivering value**. RTEs **communicate with stakeholders**, escalate impediments, help manage risk, and **drive relentless improvement**.

[...]

Although ARTs and Solution Trains are composed of self-organizing and self-managing teams, **trains don't drive or steer themselves on autopilot**. That responsibility falls to the RTE or STE, who operate most effectively as servant leaders. **They have a solid grasp of how to scale Lean and Agile practices** and understand the unique opportunities and challenges associated with facilitating and continuously aligning a large development program.

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Manage and optimize the flow of value through the ART and Solution Train using various tools, such as the Program and Solution Kanbans and other information radiators

Establish and communicate the annual calendars for Iterations and Program Increments (PIs)

Facilitate PI Planning readiness by fostering a Continuous Exploration process which drives the synthesis of a Vision, a Roadmap, and Backlogs, and through Pre- and Post-PI Planning meetings

Facilitate the PI planning event

Summarize Team PI Objectives into Program PI Objectives (the RTE) and publish them for visibility and transparency

Summarize program PI objectives into Solution PI Objectives (the STE) and publish them for visibility and transparency

Assist tracking the execution of features and capabilities (see Metrics)

Facilitate periodic synchronization meetings, including the ART sync at the Essential Level and the value stream sync for Solution Trains

Assist with economic decision-making by facilitating feature and capability estimation by teams and the roll-up to Epics, where necessary

Coach leaders, teams, and Scrum Masters in Lean-Agile practices and mindsets

Help manage risks and dependencies

Escalate and track impediments

Provide input on resourcing to address critical bottlenecks

Encourage collaboration between teams and System and Solution Architects/Engineering

Work with Product and Solution Management, Product Owners, and other stakeholders to help ensure strategy and execution alignment

Improve the flow of value through value streams by improving and assessing the practices associated with DevOps and Release on Demand in the Continuous Delivery Pipeline

Help drive the Lean User Experience (UX) innovation cycle

Work with the Agile Program Management Office (APMO) on program execution and operational excellence (see Lean Portfolio Management)

Understand and operate within Lean Budgets and ensure adherence to Guardrails

Facilitate System Demos and Solution Demos

Drive relentless improvement via Inspect and Adapt workshops; assess the agility level of the ART and Solution Train and help them improve

Foster Communities of Practice and the use of engineering and Built-In Quality practices

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Softskills competence building

Non Violent
Communication

Agile at scale

Liberating
Structures

Mediation

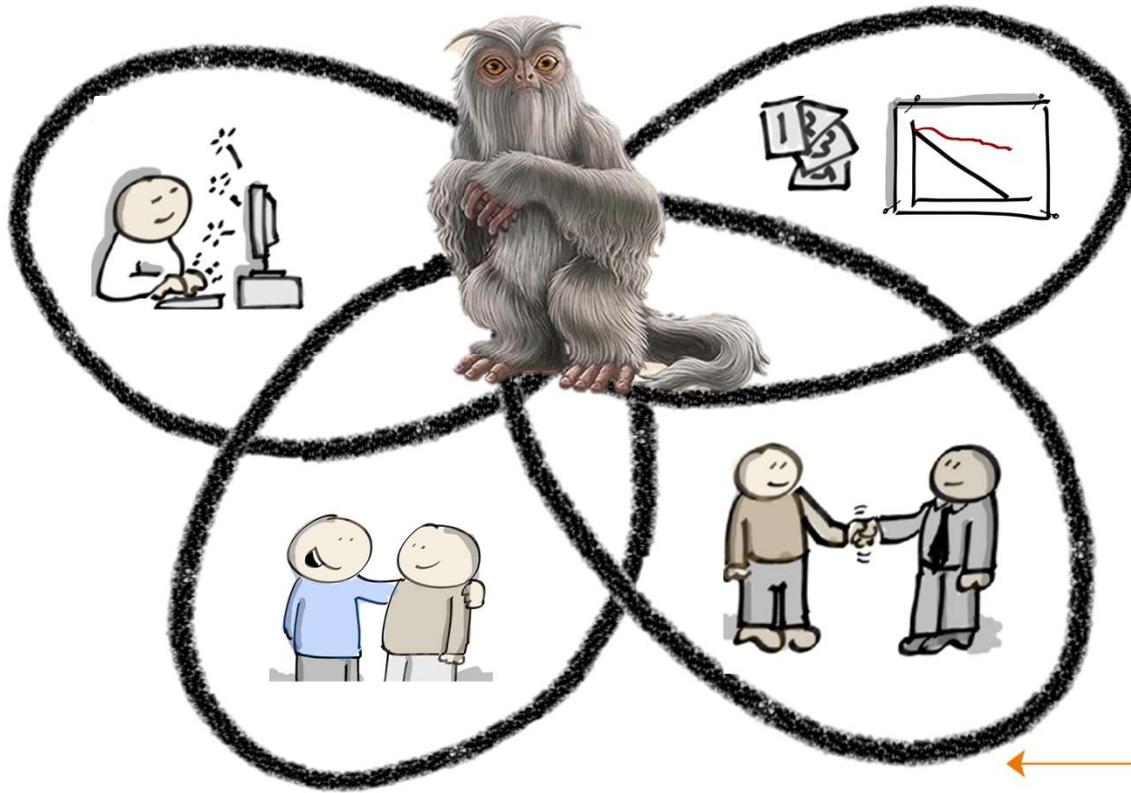
Neuroscience



Systemic coach

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RTE profile



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Take Aways

- It is not only about coaching/supporting/developing teams
- It is about coaching organizations
- There is no perfect 'Release Train Engineer', you probably have to nurture this person!
- Recommendations seem by today to be the best sourcing method



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Embracing Agility

*“Agile innovation has revolutionized the software industry, which has arguably undergone more rapid and profound change than any other area of business over the past 30 years. Now it is poised to transform nearly every other function in every industry. At this point, **the greatest impediment is not the need for better methodologies, empirical evidence of significant benefits, or proof that agile can work outside IT. It is the behavior of executives.** Those who learn to lead agile’s extension into a broader range of business activities will accelerate profitable growth.”*

**Harvard
Business
Review**

[HBR 2016](#)

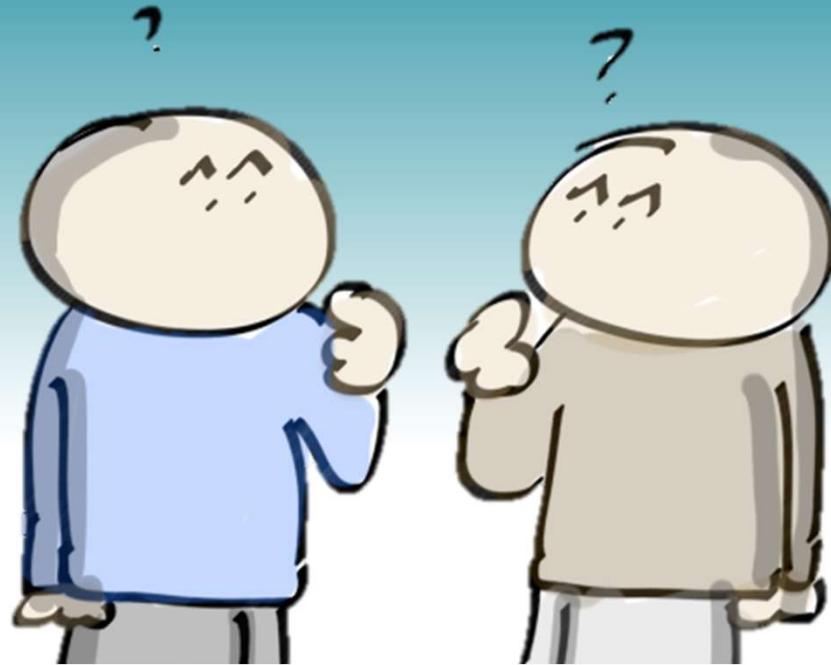
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SAFe Release Train Engineer (RTE) Kurs in Wien 29. Juni-2.Juli 2020



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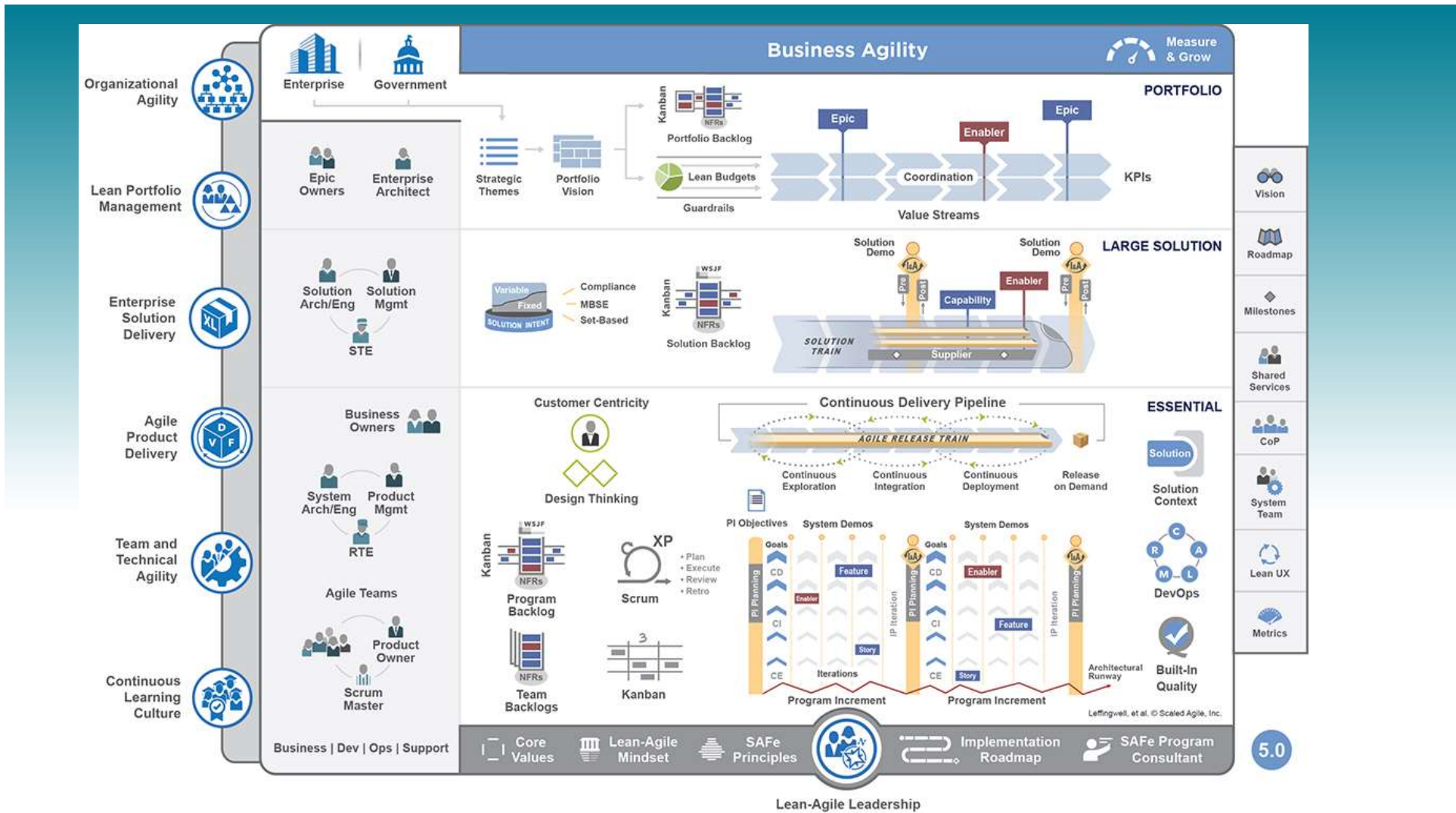
29. 06. 2020, 9.00–15.00 Uhr
Online

Dauer: 4 Tage

Seminartermine können nach Vereinbarung auch in mehreren halbtägigen Blöcken abgehalten werden.

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LARGE SOLUTION

ESSENTIAL

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Vision

Roadmap

Milestones

Shared Services

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System Team

Lean UX

Metrics

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