

To profit from agile development methods, it is necessary to know them very well. With Zühlke, your team will be able to work efficiently with agile methods.

**Consulting** Development Integration

# Zühlke Agile toolkit



## Lifelong learning

For teams that have already adopted agile practices the challenge is to advance them beyond a few practices or a publicly known methodology. The challenge is to make these teams into true learning teams which adapt and change as the business needs them to.

## Efficient software development

Adopting agile software development practices involves more than telling a team to be agile or giving them a book to read. Simply declaring agility without preparation can create more problems. Adoption and payback from agile methods can be accelerated through training, coaching and knowledge transfer. Whether introducing a team to agile development for the first time or helping an existing agile team to the next level Zühlke has a range of tools to draw on.

“It’s a fact that agile efforts differ substantially from waterfall projects. It’s also a fact that agile methods provide substantial benefits for appropriate business processes.” (Gartner group)

## Management challenge

Introducing teams to agile for the first time presents a number of challenges. In addition to technical skills like test driven development and refactoring teams need to work as a whole. For some teams agile development is the first time they have worked together as a single team on the same code base. While for other teams changing to agile development involves unlearning practices that helped development but hindered the business. These kind of problems make the introduction of agile development more of a change management challenge than a technical change.

## Empowered teams

Zühlke retain some of Europe’s leading agile practitioners and has a proven track record helping companies improve their development processes. We offer a range of services to help teams make the transition to agile and improve their existing practices.

## Team benefits

Although designed for teams adopting agile practices many of these tools can be used with traditional development teams to help improve the way they work. Teams do not have to adopt agile wholesale to recognise the benefits from these tools.

## Toolkit contents

- Agile Accelerator: A complete package for teams moving to agile development.
- Agile Education programmes: Training and briefing sessions for teams and executives looking to become agile.
- Agile assistance: Services to help teams make the transition to agile and improve their existing practices.

We also offer an Agile Practice Assessment based to parallel the existing Architecture Assessment programme. To find out how your team can benefit from agile practices call Zühlke today.



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