

More and more companies are exploiting agile software development to meet their business objectives. Agile techniques help companies meet project requirements and reduce risks thereby increasing the return from software development efforts.

**Consulting** Development Integration

# Making Agile Work for You

## Efficient software development

Traditional software development is a risky business. Projects frequently overspend and deliver late with poor quality. Agile software development seeks to resolve these problems directly by working closely with the business. Very short development and feedback cycles, extensive automated tests, and a focus on working software rather than comprehensive paperwork results in projects which meet requirements within allowable time-scales.

“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, Oct. 2006

## Management challenge

Telling a team to be agile will not make them agile. Becoming agile presents a number of management challenges. Development teams need to learn new technical skills and new ways of working as a team. This may require unlearning practices which traditionally help development but hinder the business.

Becoming agile requires new tools and new approaches to projects and management. Organizational and individual barriers can slow down the adoption of agile practises. We have a range of tools which can help accelerate agile adoption and payback. These include training, coaching and



knowledge transfer from our experienced consultants. Whether introducing a team to agile development for the first time, or helping an existing agile team to the next level our team can help.

## Lifelong learning

We regard both introducing and advancing agile practises as exercises in learning. We build empowered teams who use experience to find their own solutions to unique problems. Agile teams adapt and change to match business needs, achieving agility requires more than adopting a few practices or a publicly known methodology. Teams do not have to adopt agile wholesale to realise the benefits from these practises. Many of these techniques can be used with traditional development teams to help improve the way they work.

## Why Zühlke?

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.

## Your benefits

- Executive briefings on the benefits and challenges of agile development.
- Training for teams wanting to become agile.
- Coaching, mentoring and tool support for teams adopting agile practices or wanting to improve their existing practices.
- Interventions to initiate and accelerate agile adoption.

To find out how your team can benefit from agile practices call Zühlke today.



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