Successfully Introducing Scrum

If you've heard of Scrum or agile development models and would like to try them but don't know exactly how to get started, the following proven procedure will help you:

1. Selecting a project

It's best to start with a pilot project. This should not be one of the most demanding or trivial projects in your area. If the project selected is too complex, it becomes difficult to identify whether problems are due to the new approach or to other factors. If the project is too trivial, the results cannot be applied to other projects, resulting in a less-than-optimal knowledge gain.

2. Selecting a team

Now you need to decide which team will implement the pilot project. It is important here that the team members possess all the skills required to achieve the project goal. If, for example, domain-specific knowledge or certain technical skills are required for the project, these should be possessed by at least one of the team members.

3. Training kick-off

Next, you should attend a two-day Scrum training session with the project team. Here, all participants will learn the basics of working with Scrum. This is also where a common language will be established to ensure that everyone involved in using this new method in the project will use the same terms.

This training session is also open to colleagues who may only be marginally involved with the project, but who also need to learn the philosophy behind Scrum and the terminology involved.

4. Project kick-off

Directly after the training session, the actual project kick-off should take place. This process can take a day or two, depending on the project setup. Scrum methods are used, for example, to create a list of requirements (known as the "product backlog") and to plan the first iteration.

5. Project implementation

Even if the project gets off to a successful start, it's important to get regular feedback from outside, especially at the beginning. An experienced Scrum Coach will help

your team focus on their goal. They will also contribute valuable real-world insights to help team members tackle the challenges that arise.

The inovex Academy

The inovex Academy supports you right from the start and accompanies you throughout this process. You will receive advice from us on selecting the right project and the right team.

We will then train your chosen team on the Scrum basics, always keeping in mind your specific project. After the training session, the trainer will work with the team to launch the project and help the members to put the content they have learned directly into practice.

During the initial phase of the project, the trainer will then regularly (e.g. one day per month) visit the site in their role as Scrum Coach to answer questions and provide feedback.

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