

# Masterclass Agile Architecting

*Timely Delivery of Customer Value  
Using an Agile Architecture Process*

*Architecture is of key importance to the creation, extension and maintenance of complex, multi-disciplinary software-intensive systems. Unfortunately, most traditional architecture processes are "heavy weight", long-winded and time-consuming. The recent emergence of Agile methods represents an exciting opportunity for architects to establish a streamlined and profitable development process based on an agile architecture.*

*The goal of the **Masterclass Agile Architecting**<sup>®</sup> is to provide architects with the knowledge and skills needed to create an agile system architecture, following a lean and agile product realization process. Effective management of change and complexity is the guiding principle for the masterclass. Taking part in an intensive program of 8-10 months, participants will learn how to excel in delivery of customer value today and the realization adaptable and lucrative products tomorrow.*

Agile architecting breaks with the tradition of a large, predetermined design and a long, unsteady development time before delivery of customer value. The agile architect will expect and welcome change as a fact of life, while balancing the needs of multiple stakeholders.

The masterclass stimulates architects to make his or her working practices and delivery process more efficient by using lean and agile techniques, including best practices to ensure that the architectural foundation of the system will not be compromised further downstream.

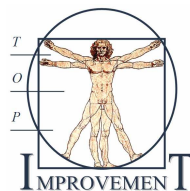
## Concept

The Masterclass Agile Architecting is a unique, powerful combination of a training in system and software architecture, transfer of the lean & agile mindset, official Agile Scrum Master certification, establishment of the agile development process in the participant's organization, and on-site coaching sessions to improve on relevant professional skills.



The Masterclass facilitates the migration to an agile way of working using a multifaced, yet coherent and pragmatic approach:

- professional support for the roll-out of the agile way of working within the participant's current project;
- official Certified Scrum Master course;
- fruitful exchange of agile architecting experiences and 'lessons learned' with colleagues;
- training of non-technical/soft skills in the context of the agile mindset;
- interactive lectures on contemporary architectural issues and solutions;
- workshops on the application of lean manufacturing and agile principles;
- on-site, personal coaching of participants to integrate the supplied material into the daily practice.



*Agile Architecting*

## Outline

The target audience of the Masterclass Agile Architecting consist of inquisitive architects with experience in the development of complex, software-intensive systems. The participants put their own practical experience and their current project into the program as working capital.

The Masterclass will focus on both technical and non-technical competences for agile architects. A variety of applicable soft skills is taught in the relevant context, directly derived from the daily practice of the participants.

A unique asset of the Masterclass is the involvement of the working environment of the participants. For instance, while agile principles are being dealt with exhaustively during masterclass meetings, participants will also be given practical support and coaching to introduce and roll-out the agile way of working in their own project or department.

Sharing experiences and best-practices is the best way to adopt a new paradigm, and will make '*learning from your peers*' a leading educational principle of the Masterclass.

The Masterclass addresses a variety of actual themes in architecture and agile system development. Selected issues are dealt with from technological, organisational, *and* process-related viewpoints, emphasizing the business value of agile architecting.



## Organization

The Masterclass Agile Architecting is developed and presented by *Erik Philippus*. He combines extensive knowledge and thirty years of experience with system architecting and software development, with training and coaching of architects and development teams. During the Masterclass, he will be assisted by invited lecturers and specialized trainers.

There will be an intake procedure for candidates with respect to experience, motivation, perseverance, expectations and learning goals. The intake session contributes to a maximum benefit of the training for each trainee.

During a period of about eight months, participants will attend five intensive modules of two uninterrupted days. To guarantee optimum interchange, the number of participants is limited to twelve.

All participants adhere to a non-disclosure agreement, thus dispelling possible reserves for sharing sensitive information.

The start of the next Masterclass Agile Architecting is scheduled for March 2010.

## Investment

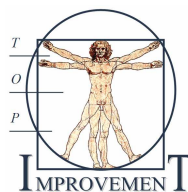
Participants carry the responsibility for the structural reservation of time and energy for participation, assignments and preparations. The return on investment of the masterclass is high, since the current project of each participant directly takes advantage of the on-site project coaching and lessons learned.

The fee for the Master Class Agile Architecting is € 7.850 ex. VAT, including all course materials, personal coaching sessions, board and lodging in the conference centre, but excluding travel costs and personal expenses.

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