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Scrum Master | Agile Coach | Program Manager

I am an Agilist with 20+ years leading technology teams. I have experienced the power of agile thinking to unleash a team's full potential and change organization culture. I enjoy coaching individuals and teams and believe in empowering the team to self-organize. I help provide skills to move the team along the productivity curve toward higher performance and job satisfaction and provide servant leadership to my teams.

Experience

RELEASE TRAIN ENGINEER | AGILE COACH | PRINCIPAL PROGRAM MANAGER /, EMC Corporation, Durham NC

June 2014 - Present

EMC has redefined Network Storage, Big Data and Cloud Services and is the world leader in data security and protection. As a Release Train Engineer at EMC I serve teams using agile principles mixed with project management skills such as risk management, resources assignments and release tracking. Using the Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) I help scrum masters and teams to realize their potential and deliver value to the program and customers via team and one-on-one coaching in agile principles and development techniques including continuous integration, test automation and User Feature/Epic/Story writing.

SCRUM MASTER, NTT Data Americas, Durham, NC

November 2013 – June 2014

Consulting at Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina to help transform medical claims system to new technology under the TOPAZ shared services effort. I coached teams in scrum using the Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) across a large program of scrum teams mostly based in India.

SCRUM MASTER | AGILE COACH, Tyler Technologies, Versatrans Solutions, Latham, New York

October 2011 – August 2013

Tyler Technologies makes it easier for local governments and schools to manage their complex, day-to-day business functions through applications for tax and finance to school bus routing and planning. I was instrumental in transitioning 3 software development teams from waterfall to an effective distributed multi-team software development organization. I also invested time in automation with Selenium & Coded UI tests through Visual Studio to enhance and improve the testing functions of teams at Tyler.

SCRUM MASTER | AGILE COACH, Pitney Bowes MapInfo Software, Troy, New York

Nov 2007 – October 2011

In 2007 I started on my path in agile by running a pilot team using scrum. I helped to manage team dynamics, coach the remote scrum master, identify and resolve impediments, track progress, work with product owner to groom the product backlog, facilitated release planning and coached teams on scrum practices and Agile principles. I helped out with automation and testing infrastructure as a side project and when teams needed extra help.

ADVISORY PROJECT MANAGER, MapInfo Corporation, Troy, New York

July 2000 – Nov 2007

Pitney Bowes Software creates solutions for business to business engagements for fortune 500 companies all the way to local governments to manage location intelligence for their users. I was a PMP certified project manager working with a team of 20 developers & tester's creating project plans, managing risk, delivering updates to stakeholders, gathering information for requirements, coordination of resources needed to complete work and coordination with other teams.

SR QA ENGINEER, MapInfo Corporation, Troy, New York

September 1995 – July 2000

MapInfo was a small startup that developed the first desktop mapping application used by governments and businesses around the globe. I began as a manual tester and graduated to an automation engineer working on the flagship geocoding product testing the desktop, API and controls for IDE development via many different development platforms such as Java, Visual Basic & Visual C++.

Education

Algonquin College – Geographic Information Systems, 1995

Algonquin College - Forestry, 1992

Project Management Professional, since Sept/2005

Certified Scrum Master, 2008

Tools

Rally – Agile Central (Rally) | Jira & Green Hopper | Rational Team Concert |TFS | Trello | MS Office | Selenium | MS Project