

Lesson 7

Creating your PO/PM Action Plan

1. Applying SAFe in the Lean Enterprise
2. Relating a Lean-Agile Mindset to the PO/PM Roles
3. Collaborating with Lean Portfolio Management
4. Continuously Explore Customer Needs
5. Executing the Program Increment
6. Defining the PO/PM Roles and Responsibilities
7. Creating your PO/PM Action Plan

SAFe® Course: Attending this course gives learners access to the SAFe Product Owner/Product Manager exam and related preparation materials.

Learning objectives

- 7.1 Develop a personal PO/PM action plan
- 7.2 Create a personal PO/PM improvement roadmap
- 7.3 Commit to the plans

7.1 Develop a personal PO/PM action plan

Exercise: Find your personal challenges



- ▶ Review the 'Key Learnings and Insights' you wrote after each lesson in your workbook
- ▶ From your 'Key Learnings and Insights' select three things that challenge you or cause you difficulties
- ▶ Write these items in your personal challenges list



Exercise: Define personal actions



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- ▶ In pairs, alternate discussing your three personal challenges
- ▶ With your teammate, identify one clearly-defined action for each of your challenges that you can implement in your work context
- ▶ Document your plans in your personal actions list
- ▶ Be prepared to share



7.2 Create a personal improvement roadmap

Improvement Roadmap

An Improvement Roadmap guides your evolution over time.

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Exercise: Find improvement opportunities



- ▶ Identify three action items in your organization where you believe you can immediately improve your PO/PM interactions
- ▶ Select areas where you see the most opportunity for improvement
- ▶ Write these items in your improvement list in your workbook



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Exercise: Define your improvement roadmap



- ▶ In pairs, alternate discussing your three improvement opportunities
- ▶ With your partner, brainstorm and define two sequential actions for each item in your improvement list that you can implement in your work context
- ▶ Document your improvement actions in your action roadmap list in your workbook



7.3 Commit to the plans

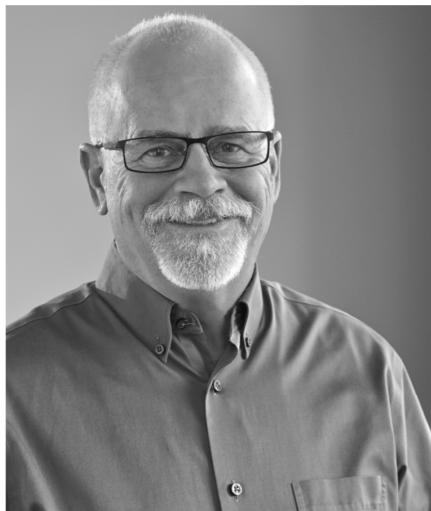
Exercise: Commit to the plan



- ▶ Organize into new pairs, take turns reviewing the personal and the improvement roadmap lists you created
- ▶ Commit to each other that you will do your best to act on the items in the list
- ▶ Schedule a date in two to eight weeks for a follow-up check-in to meet and talk about your progress against your plans. Agree to keep each other accountable.



Emphasize lifelong learning



Lean-Agile Leaders are lifelong learners who help teams build better systems through understanding and exhibiting the values, principles, and practices of Lean, systems thinking, and Agile development.

—Dean Leffingwell

PO/PM reading list

- ▶ *SAFe Distilled*, Richard Knaster, Dean Leffingwell
- ▶ *Tribal Unity*, Em Campbell-Pretty
- ▶ *The Lean Machine*, Dantar Oosterwald
- ▶ *The Goal*, Eliyahu Goldratt
- ▶ *Principles of Product Development Flow*, Don Reinertsen
- ▶ *Switch*, Chip Heath and Dan Heath
- ▶ *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*, Patrick Lencioni
- ▶ *Agile Software Requirements*, Dean Leffingwell
- ▶ *Agile Retrospectives*, Esther Derby and Diana Larsen
- ▶ *Death by Meeting*, Patrick Lencioni
- ▶ *Lean Product and Process Development*, Allen Ward and Durward Sobeck II
- ▶ *That's Not How we Do It Here!* John Kotter and Holger Rathgeber

Lesson summary

In this lesson, you:

- ▶ Developed a personal action plan for your PO or PM role
- ▶ Created a personal improvement roadmap
- ▶ Committed to the plans

Exercise: This lesson's key learnings



Summarize key learnings and insights from this lesson in your workbook.

