

Essential SAFe® Toolkit

Release Notes

V6.0 Changes

- Updated the Big Picture and associated images to SAFe 6.0
- Updated terminology to SAFe 6.0

V5.1 Changes

- Updated Big Picture and associated images to SAFe 5.1

V5.0 Changes

- Essential SAFe has been updated based on the new features of SAFe 5.0.
- The 10 essential elements have been renamed to ten critical ART success factors
- The Essential SAFe Assessment is now called the Essential SAFe Diagnostic.

V4.6.1 Changes

- Added the print-ready student workbook with a color workbook cover
- Added the Essential SAFe Toolkit Usage Guide

V4.6 Changes

- Updated to support the new SAFe 4.6 Big Picture and core competencies
- Self-Assessment updated to reflect SAFe 4.6.
- Added the print-ready student workbook with a color workbook cover

V4.5.1 changes

- Updated the PPT to improve symptoms and upgrade slide titles
- Added the print-ready self-assessment handout

V4.5 Changes

- Essential SAFe has been updated based on the new features of SAFe 4.5. It is now one of the four SAFe configurations.
- The 'Agile Teams and Release Trains' element was combined with 'Critical Agile Team and Program Roles' and was renamed to 'Real Agile Teams and Trains.' Added a new element for 'DevOps and Releasability.'
- Further improved the Essential SAFe exercise to make it easier to understand.
- The toolkit includes the following assets:
 - 00 Release notes (PDF)
 - 01 Essential SAFe 4.5 overview and assessment presentation (PPT)
 - 02 Essential SAFe 4.5 overview and assessment handout (PDF)
 - 03 Essential SAFe 4.5 assessment worksheet (PDF)
 - 04 Essential SAFe Big Picture (PPT)

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V4.0.1 Changes

- Fixed a bug in the 11x17 handout where there were six symptoms in Lean-Agile leadership instead of five
- Changes the evaluation summary page and exercise to make it more self-explanatory

V4.0.0 Initial Release

- The Essential SAFe Toolkit enables SPCs to conduct Essential SAFe briefings to their stakeholders, as well as to assess the transformation that they are leading.
- It includes:
 - Essential SAFe overview and assessment PowerPoint deck
 - 16-page PDF handout
 - A foldable 11x17 PDF handout of the Framework article
 - Toolkit enablement video that can be viewed in the enablement section of the Scaled Agile Community website (community.scaledagile.com)