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## Agile Coach, Scrum Master, and Trainer

### SUMMARY

TL;DR - I deliver software projects. I use Agile to do it.

#### Agile Delivery Coach and Lead:

* Specialist in helping teams and organizations deliver projects.
* Methodology-agnostic, utilizing Scrum, XP, Kanban, and SAFE principles.

#### Agile Course Author and Trainer:

* Conducts in-house and delegate training sessions on Agile project management.
* Developed Agile Foundation Certificate course certified by the British Computer Society (BCS).
* Emphasizes interactive training methods over traditional presentations.

### Core Skills

* Agile coaching
* Agile delivery
* Training authorship and delivery

### Security Clearance

* SC security cleared (renewed April 2023)

## EMPLOYMENT

### Author - Delivering the Impossible (July ’23 - Present)

* Writer and editor of “Delivering the Impossible” https://leanpub.com/deliveringtheimpossible
* Published the Alpha of the book on the LeanPub platform
* Developed a book proposal which has been distributed to publishers

### Author and presenter - Delivering the Impossible: A Short talk about how to rule the world (July ’23 - Present)

* Developed a “one-man show” presenting the ideas that are discussed in my book.
* Marketed and performed this as an “unlisted show” at the Edinburgh Festival Fringer, August 2023
* Shows booked at the Brighton Fringe, May 2024 and the Edinburgh Fringe, August 2024

#### Delivery Lead - Marvell Consulting (Jan ’18 - July ’23)

* Responsible for all aspects of delivery implementation and strategy on 5 successful projects.
* Clients include the UK Home Office, the National Health Service, the Greater London Authority, and the Welsh government.
* Authored and pitched bids, facilitated high-level plans and estimates.

#### Home Office - Animals in Science Licensing - Marvell Consulting (Jan ’18 - July ’23)

* Co-authored a winning bid and served as a Scrum Master for a greenfield development project.
* Project delivered on time with agreed scope. Second bid won in March 2020.
* Technologies used: node.js, react, AWS.

#### NHSX Interoperability Standards Directory - Marvell Consulting Ltd (Mar ’21 - November ’22)

* Set up Agile ceremonies and artifacts for the project.
* Project delivered in a short timeframe of eight weeks, leading to a follow-on bid win.

#### Stats Wales Discovery - Marvell Consulting Ltd (Mar ’21 - December ’23)

* Co-authored a winning bid and delivered a discovery phase investigation for the Welsh government.
* Delivered a report with high-level plan and cost estimations for the replacement service.
* December 2023 Marvell won the bid for the delivering of the Alpha and Beta phases of development.

### SopraSteria Ltd (Jan ’14 – Dec ’17)

#### Agile Coach/Scrum Master - giffgaff (Jan ’16 to July ’17)

* Provided coaching for six Scrum teams and executive-level guidance.
* Technologies used: Python, PHP, Java, AWS.

#### Agile Coach/Scrum Master – Ministry of Justice(Feb ’15 - Sep ’15)

* Coached a high-profile government project from “greenfield” to maturity.
* Technologies used: open-source Unix stack, Java, AWS.

### Tata Consulting Services (Feb ’12 – Dec ’13)

#### Senior Agile Consultant (Jul ’12 –Dec ’13) – Lloyd’s Bank, London

* Led Agile coaching and transformation across a cost reduction program.
* Technologies used: Pega workflow management.

#### Agile Coach (Feb ’12 – Jun ’12) – JP Morgan Chase, Kansas City, USA

* Led Agile transformation for four teams, focusing on TDD and CI.
* Restructured the PMO function to work with Agile development teams.
* Technologies used: Java, COBOL.

### Fry-IT Ltd (Nov ’11 – Feb ’12)

* Scrum Master responsible for Agile aspects of software development.

### John Wiley and Sons Ltd, Online Library (Dec ’09 – Oct ’11)

#### Scrum Master and Project Manager

* Delivered a $30m project, managing six Agile development teams.
* Managed software development, reporting to senior management, and release planning.
* Technologies used: Java.

### Agile Lab (Jun ’07 – Dec ’09)

* Agile Project Management Consultant.
* Developed training materials and coached new Agile teams.

### University of Sussex (Feb ’05 - Jun ’07)

* Applications Researcher and Software Development Project Manager.

### Soda Creative (Jul ’04 - Feb ’05)

* Project Manager, led an Agile project for an internet bank.

### University of Cambridge (Oct ’02 - Jul ’04)

* UI Researcher.

### Xerox Research Centre Europe (Mar ’98 – Oct ’02)

* Researcher.

### IBM (Oct ’94 – Mar ’98)

* Software Developer.

## EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS

### Academic

* Diploma in German - Open University (’98-’00)
* MSc in Cognitive Science – Birmingham University (’92-’93)
* MA Hons Philosophy (2:1) – St Andrews (’87-’91)

### Vocational

* ICAGILE Certified – Agile Coaching
* British Computer Society Agile Foundation Certificate
* CSM (Certified Scrum Master)
* SCJP (Sun Certified Java Programmer)
* UK Driving Licence

### Courses Recently Attended

* Liberating Structures
* Coaching Tired Teams

## Interests

* Hobbies: Open-mic stand-up comedy (150+ gigs to 2023).