

Distinguishing Between Scrum Alliance and Scrum.org



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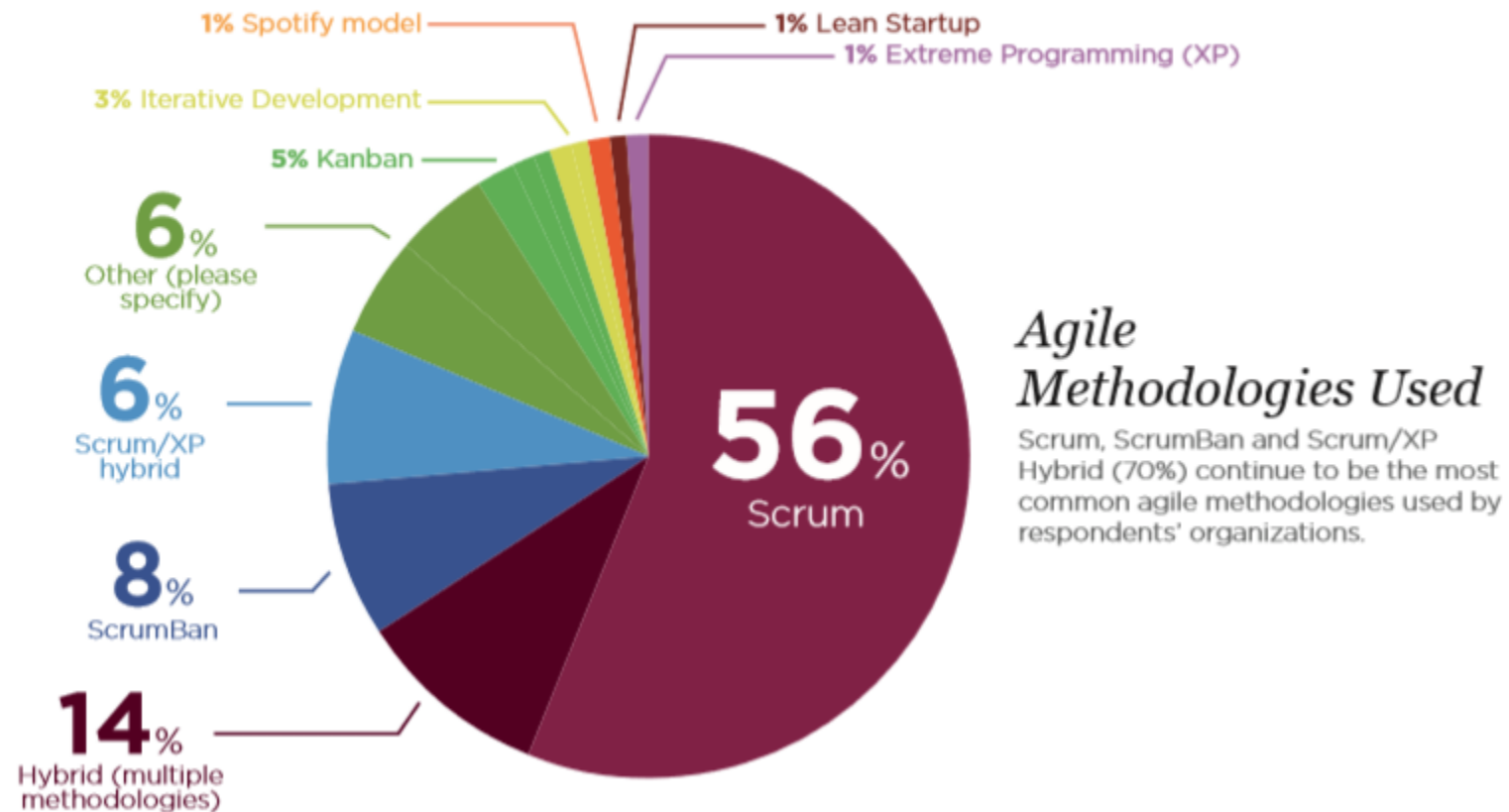
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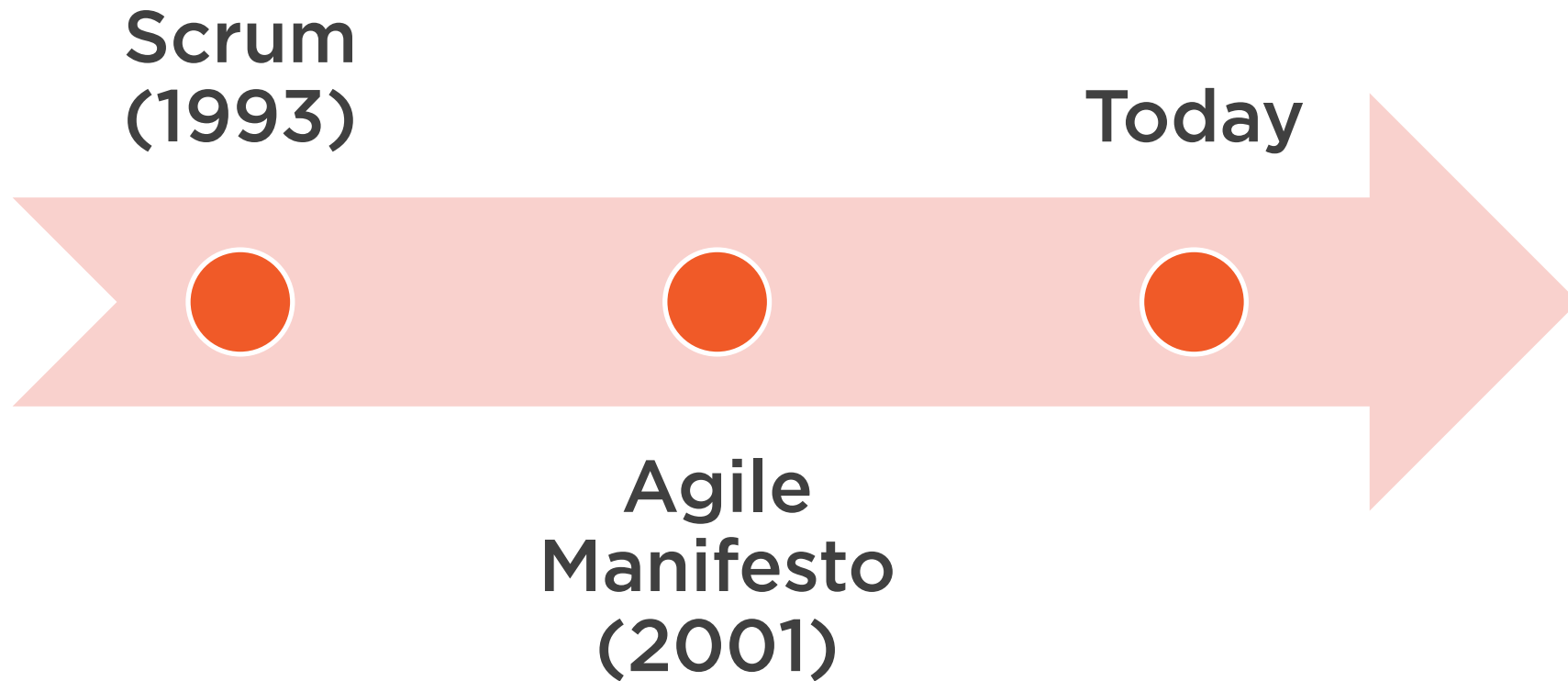
AGILE METHODS AND PRACTICES



Source: VersionOne's 12th Annual State of Agile Report (2018)



Brief History of Scrum



Agile Manifesto (2001)

Manifesto for Agile Software Development

We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it.
Through this work we have come to value:

Individuals and interactions over processes and tools

Working software over comprehensive documentation

Customer collaboration over contract negotiation

Responding to change over following a plan

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.



Agile Alliance



Scrum Alliance



“...to guide and inspire individuals,
leaders, and organizations...”

Scrum Alliance Mission Statement



Inspire

“We *inspire* individuals, leaders, and organizations to adopt Agile mindsets.”



Enable

“We *enable* the work of our certificants and members through a global network of Agile peers, trainers and coaches.”



Guide

“We *guide* the application of Agile practices, principles, and values through our career-long certification path.”



Comparing Agile Alliance and Scrum Alliance

Agile Alliance

Big annual conference (in North America)

Many local and regional events

Smaller membership

No certifications

Aligned with the official Scrum Guide

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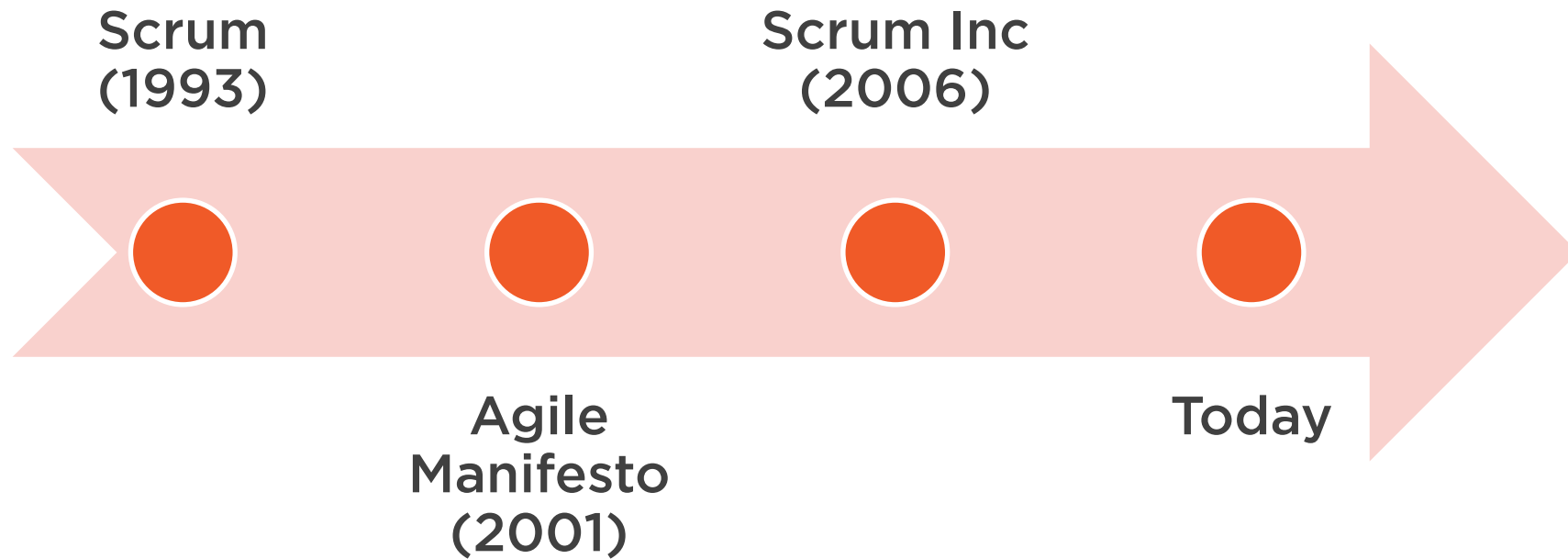
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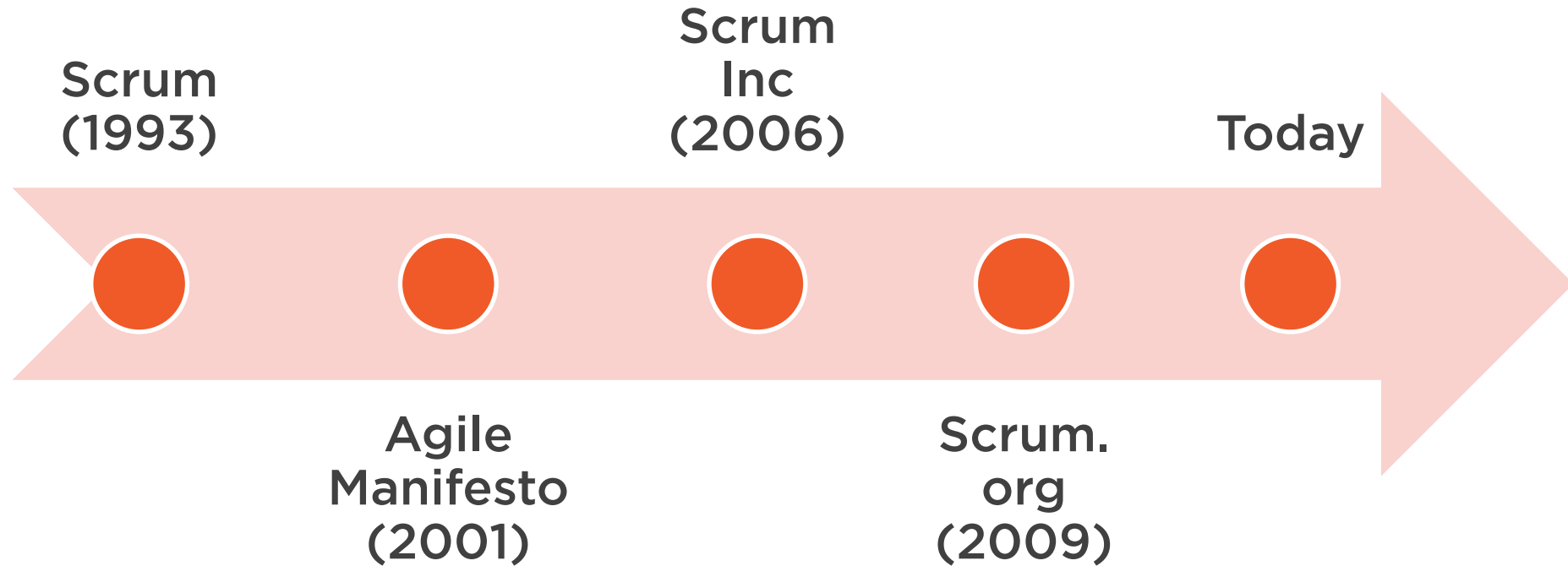
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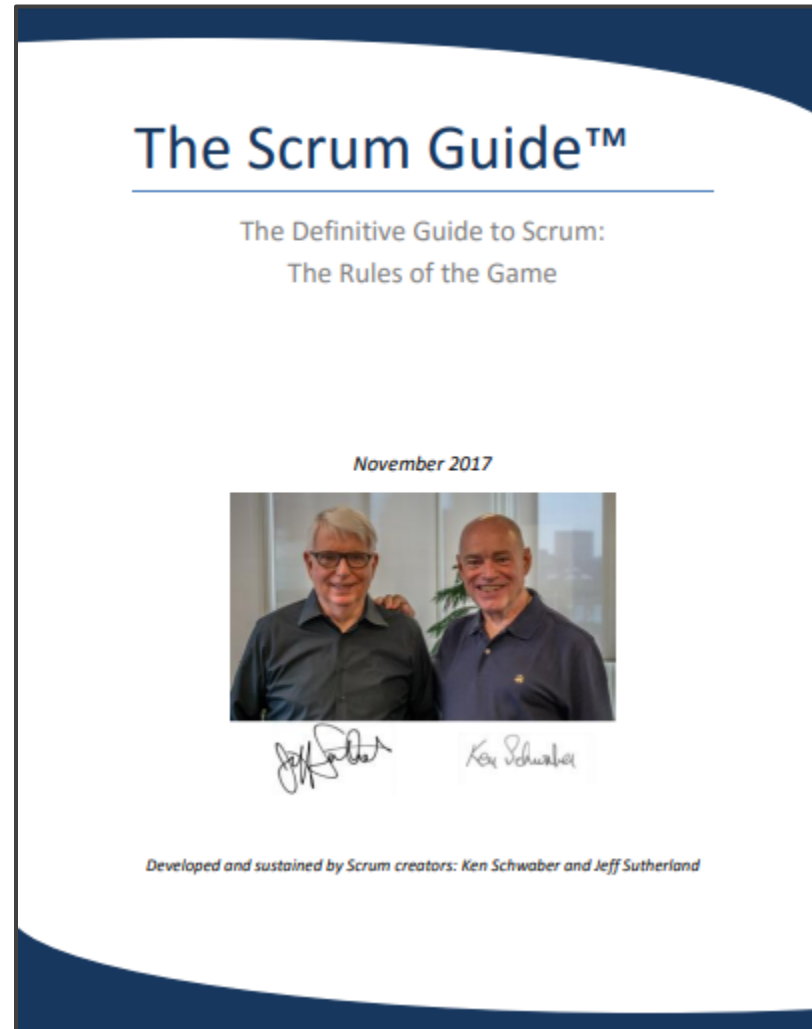
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The Official Scrum Guide (Nov. 2017)





Scrum Alliance
or
Scrum.org



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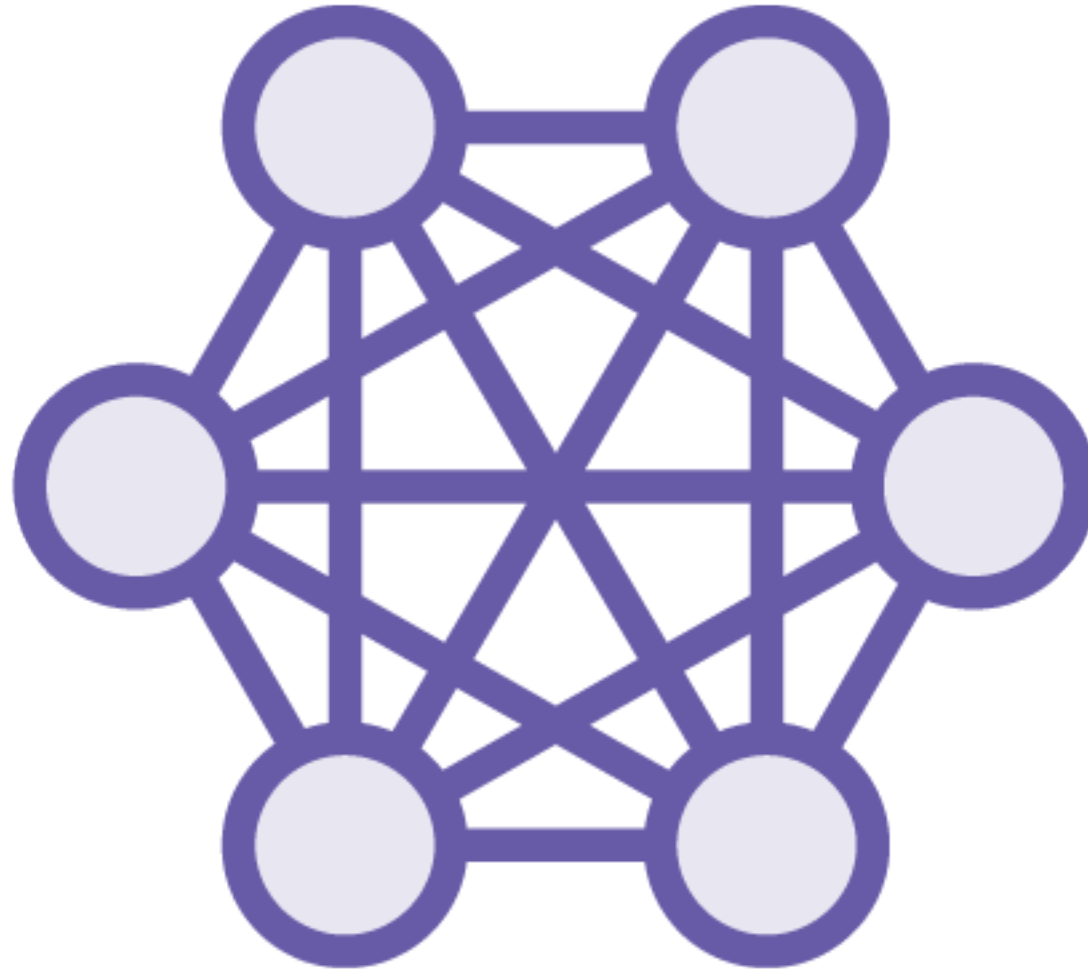


Two days of training is
required for the
Certified ScrumMaster
(CSM) certification

Expensive, between
\$1000 and \$1300 USD



Scrum Alliance Decentralized Training

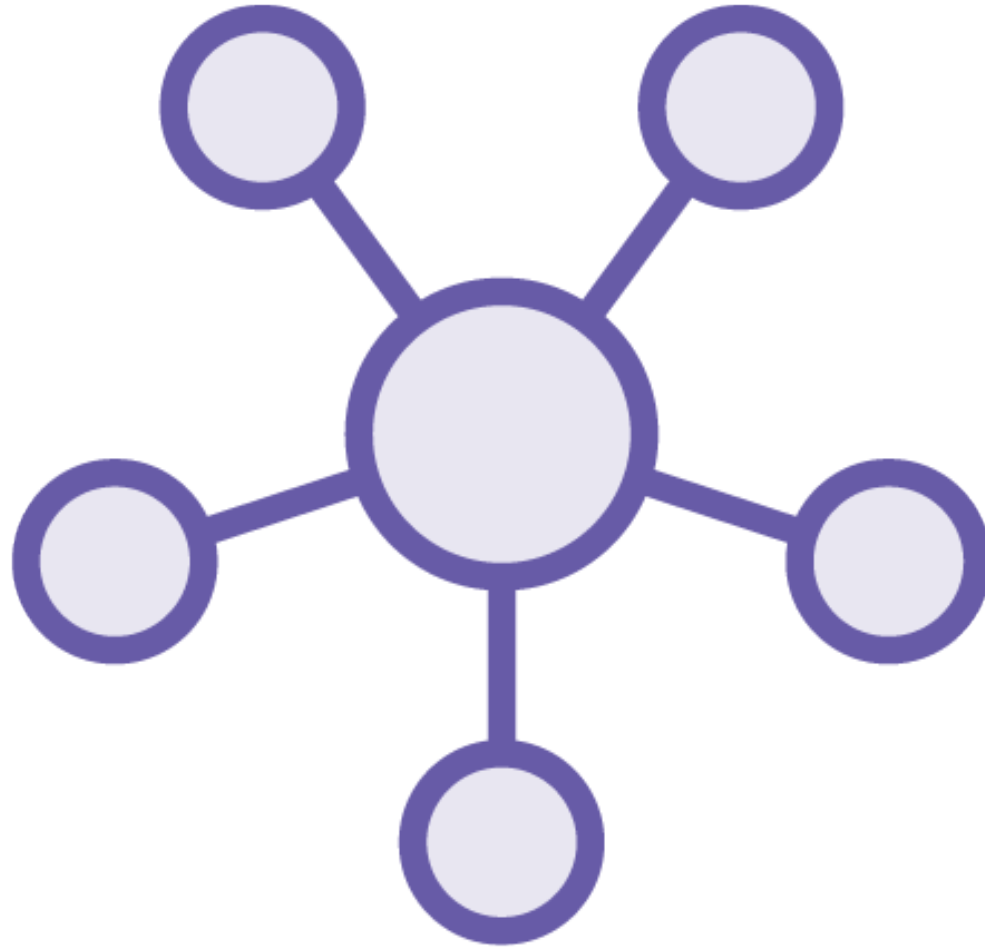


Training is optional
(but recommended)
for the Professional
Scrum Master
(Level One)
certification

Inexpensive
(\$150 USD)



Scrum.org Centralized Training



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Summary



Two respected Scrum organizations:
Scrum Alliance and Scrum.org

Both offer Scrum certifications

CSM is requires a costly, 2-day training,
but the exam is easy

PSM-1 does not require training and the
exam is inexpensive, but it's moderately
difficult

