



# Agile Planning and Estimation Workshop

10 Dec 2013, 21 Feb, 16 April & 11 June 2014,

## Background

“A good plan is one that supports reliable decision making”.

This intensive one day workshop gives an in-depth exploration of Agile Practices & Techniques for Planning & Estimation. You will learn how to harness the flexibility and adaptability of Agile and apply them to planning and estimation, such that realistic plans and estimates result in better projects, lower risk of project failure and ultimately more satisfied clients.

**Some of the techniques covered include:** The difference between Estimate and Commitment; combining multiple expert perspectives; use of Story Points; Planning & Estimation at Epic / Goal level; Release Planning & Estimation Methods; Wideboard Delphi; Planning Poker.

The training style is highly interactive with the opportunity to try out various planning techniques, working from real life examples and receiving constructive feedback so that you can feel confident in applying these practices and techniques in your own work.

## Benefits of attending

The aim of this practical workshop is to equip you with Agile practices and techniques to

- Plan your projects more efficiently
- Learn techniques for prioritisation
- Realise early Cost / Benefit
- Make realistic estimates
- Involve the entire team
- Create plans that are easily changed
- Create plans that are spread throughout the project
- Learn from the practical experience of the presenters

## Why do we plan?

**Question: Estimate or Commitment?**

## Why Traditional Plans Fail

### Is Planning Agile?

- Agile delivery is more focussed on the planning than the plan
  - Plan on what we know now
  - Don't try to predict the future!
- Agile encourages change
  - Respond to change over following a plan
- Results in plans that are easily changed
- Is spread throughout the project

### Prioritisation

- Use prioritisation themes to help prioritise groups of stories or features
- Responsibility shared among the whole team, but led by the product owner / sponsor who has final say
- Can become difficult with multiple product owners – but prioritisation can expose and help alleviate this

### Using Wideband Delphi to plan projects

- Quick and easy way to answers questions about the size, cost and benefits of a project.
- The team (including stakeholders, product owners, and delivery team) approach acknowledges the value of combining multiple expert perspectives.
- Removes some of the politics from estimation and filters out extreme initial values.
- Successfully used lightweight variations that can be run in a single workshop.

The presentation is interspersed with practical exercises so delegates can practice the various methods and techniques and see how to apply them to their own work.



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## Presenter



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Steve is a certified ScrumMaster with over 7 years of experience in Coaching/Mentoring/Facilitating product development/delivery teams. He has extensive agile experience in various Agile practices including Scrum, Lean, XP, and DSDM. Having worked as a change agent and Scrum Master, he has been successful in managing the delivery of agile projects, while at the same time transferring knowledge to the team so that they eventually were able to self organise. Most recently he has been running workshop on Agile topics such as Planning & Estimation and User Story writing.

**Course Cost: £400 + VAT per individual**  
**Course Duration: 1 Day**

### **Further details**

For further information (including dates and various UK locations) and how to register please call 01895 256 484 or email [info@unicom.co.uk](mailto:info@unicom.co.uk) .

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