

Training: Agile Retrospectives

A retrospective is a meeting held at the end of a development iteration or project milestone to help the team identify ways to improve their team effectiveness. This training presents foundations of retrospective facilitation with implementation tips and practical exercises so you can try out the techniques yourself. The workshop covers how to plan a retrospective, how to run a retrospective and how to integrate retrospectives into agile development lifecycles.

Intended Audience

This workshop is designed for people who would like to facilitate retrospectives on agile teams. This training is suitable for any job role such as Managers, Technical Leads, Change Agents, etc. The workshop assumes that participants have some experience of agile software development lifecycle so does not include a general introduction to agile principles and practices. However, the foundation of this training is an introduction to general principles of meeting facilitation that apply to all meetings used in the agile lifecycle so benefits are not restricted to retrospectives.

Learning Objectives

Students will acquire an understanding of facilitation techniques used in retrospectives and gain practical experience in how to apply them. Students will be provided with grounding in retrospective design and how to connect action plans with the agile planning cycle.

Course Outline

The workshop will have some presentation interleaved with practical exercises so that all participants have a chance to practice the facilitation techniques as they are explained.

- Embedding Retrospectives within Agile
- Effective Conversation Flow
- Timelines and Activities
- Action Plans
- Retrospective Design
- Decision Making
- Futurespectives

Constraints:

Each course can take a maximum of 15 participants.