



Agile Kickstart

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An adaptive custom-fit plan is needed for an improvement program like this to succeed in a dynamic environment

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It is not uncommon for a new agile team to reduce its defect rate to 5% of the previous rate

Best-in-class agile projects show productivity of 4-10 times that of traditional projects.

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Have you tried some agile practices in your projects? Perhaps Scrum or XP? Did you get the boost in productivity, quality, work morale and customer satisfaction that you were hoping for?

Most projects that have started using agile work methods should be able to show a 50- 100% improvement in productivity the first year, with defects dramatically reduced. Best-in-class examples do even better than that.

Unfortunately, some **common mistakes cause about 70% of all agile transition attempts to fail**. Some projects give up and revert to their old ways of working. Most keep going, but never even approach their full potential.

We have combined our experience in this area with extensive research to determine what works and what does not when transitioning a project to agile. To help you succeed, we have packaged this knowledge in our Agile Kickstart product:

- By doing interviews, examining work samples, current project status, plans and goals, we make an **assessment** of the current situation. The approach suits agile and non-agile projects equally well.
- Based on the assessment above, we propose a **custom-fit, adaptive plan** for improving the work methods of your project. The plan is iterative and incremental. At each point in time, the focus will be on the changes that have the maximum potential to increase business value in the current situation.
- Before the first iteration of the transition, we provide **training** in the agile methods about to be tried to ensure that your team has the best possible start.
- During the iteration we provide **coaching** as needed, to guide the team through the various iteration phases.
- After the iteration we lead the team through a **retrospective** where it evaluates the new methods tried and picks high priority items from the improvement plan to try in the next iteration.

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