

Applying Professional Scrum Training APS

A Team Based Training to Strengthen Your Knowledge Through Practice

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Course Overview

Applying Professional Scrum (APS) is a 2-day course that provides the foundational knowledge needed to work with Scrum in a highly practical way. Students experience real-life Scrum while working in teams during a series of Sprints to build a realistic product. They are introduced to the mechanics of Scrum, gaining insights into overcoming complexity, dealing with team collaboration and self-management. It is the perfect choice to introduce, reboot or refresh Scrum in your teams and organizations and can be taught either as a public or as a private course for teams within a company.

The course includes a free attempt at the globally recognized Professional Scrum Master I (PSM I) certification exam as well as a discount for the Professional Scrum Master II (PSM II) certification exam.

This document contains a detailed description of this course. A short one page overview is also available.

Note: This course was previously known as Professional Scrum Foundations (PSF).

Course Description

Applying Professional Scrum (APS) is a team-based training that provides the foundational knowledge and practical experience needed to work with Scrum. Students experience new, agile ways of working that enable teams to deliver more value, satisfy stakeholders and work better together. This immersive 2-day hands-on course uses a combination of instruction and team exercises to introduce students to the mechanics, accountabilities, and principles of Scrum. At the same time, it goes far beyond theory and challenges students to experience real-life Scrum while working together as a team in a series of Sprints to build a realistic product. Students practice essential elements in mastering Scrum, like team collaboration, self-management, and how to overcome complexity, and learn about common missteps and misunderstandings encountered within and outside the Scrum team. Students walk away with practical foundational knowledge on how to apply the Scrum framework to their product development efforts.

This is an excellent training for teams and anyone wanting to experience the way of working in Scrum. It can be taught both publicly, where students can benefit from diverse experiences, and privately, for teams within the same company. Prior knowledge is not required.

What You Will Learn

Students self-organize in Scrum Teams at the beginning of the course and are presented with a real-life case study. During the course, they practice the Scrum Framework in multiple realistic Sprints, during which they are gradually introduced to Scrum mechanics, accountabilities, and principles. The trainer acts as a stakeholder by defining requirements before each Sprint and attending Sprint Reviews.

By the end of day 2, teams become familiar with all Scrum elements and rules: they define and enact Scrum accountabilities (*Product Owner*, *Scrum Master*, *Developers*), work with Scrum artifacts (*Product Backlog*, *Sprint Backlog*, *Increment*), learn how to fulfill commitments to Scrum artifact (*Product Goal*, *Sprint Goal* and the *Definition of Done*), run all Scrum events (*Sprint Planning*, *Sprint*, *Daily Scrum*, *Sprint Review*, *Sprint Retrospective*), practice estimation techniques, refine their backlog, learn about Scrum Values and empiricism, experience common challenges of working in teams, etc. A class retrospective is done after each Sprint to enforce learning objectives. Discussions are encouraged throughout the entire duration of the course.

The course is designed to be industry and domain agnostic and the trainer will select one of several case studies to best meet the specific learning needs of the class.

Course Objectives

- Learn about agility and how Scrum differs from traditional plan-driven work models
- Get a clear understanding of foundational elements of Scrum and their coherence
- Learn (or relearn) how to apply Scrum correctly and if it is right for your team
- Practice working in a Scrum Team and effectively deliver working products
- Walk away with a handful of tips to identify common pitfalls and dysfunctions in Scrum

Course Topics

- *Understanding and applying the Scrum Framework* (Empiricism, Scrum Values, Accountabilities, Events, Artifacts)
- *Developing people and teams* (Scrum Accountabilities and responsibilities, Self-organizing teams, Team collaboration)
- *Managing products with agility* (Maximizing product value delivery, Product Backlog management, Forecasting and release planning, Managing stakeholders and customers)
- *Developing and delivering products professionally* (Definition of Done, Estimation techniques, Continuous quality)
- *Keeping Scrum healthy* (Identifying common Scrum missteps and misunderstandings)

Check out further info on Professional Scrum Competencies and different focus areas covered within this class and other Scrum.org classes.

Course Reviews

Interested in what other students say about the course? Check out reviews from our students. Read more about common course surveys and feedback.

Who Should Attend

Applying Professional Scrum is an excellent foundational course about Scrum for teams and anyone wanting to experience the way of working in Scrum. All team members and stakeholders can benefit from the course since it is aimed at the entire Scrum team and all Scrum accountabilities. It is a perfect introduction for those new to the Scrum Framework. At the same time, it can help you reboot or refresh your Scrum knowledge and gain a better understanding of the practical appliance of Scrum accountabilities, events, artifacts, and rules. When attending the course with your entire team, you can inspect your current Scrum practices and adapt your way of work.

The course also provides the foundational knowledge needed for specialized training for Product Owners, Scrum Masters, Developers, and Leaders. Check out further info on Professional Scrum Competencies and different focus areas covered within this class and other Scrum.org classes, as well as suggested learning paths for Product Owners, Scrum Masters, Developers, and Agile Leaders.

Public vs. Private Classes

Public courses are publicly announced and open to a general audience. They are deployed only when the minimum number of attendees is reached. Since the attendees of public courses have different backgrounds and knowledge, the discussion tends to be broad and covers a wide range of different topics and scenarios. Besides reaching the learning objectives set by the course itself, attendees can benefit from diverse experiences.

Organizations can also contract trainers to hold a private class just for their employees. Private classes are the preferred choice when the organization needs to educate more employees or whole teams at once. The most important benefit of such classes is the joint practical experience the whole team goes through at the same time, adopting Scrum Foundations with all facts and terminology, and removing initial common misunderstandings. Additionally, when entire teams working together on a regular basis attend the course, the discussion can be better tailored to their everyday challenges and issues.

Prerequisites

No particular knowledge is required, although you will make the most out of this course if you study the Scrum Guide (last updated in November 2020) in advance.

This is a hands-on course, so please have your own computer at your disposal.

How to Prepare

- Please read the Scrum Guide.
- Please follow these guidelines in order to prepare for the course.
- You might want to browse our list of suggested resources for Scrum practitioners.
- Familiarize yourself with foundational Scrum subject areas.
- Take the Scrum Open free online assessment.

Certification Assessments

- Class participants receive a password for one attempt at the Professional Scrum Master I (PSM I) assessment with no expiry date. The industry-recognized PSM I certification requires a minimum passing score of 85%. Participants who attempt the assessment within 14 days of receiving their free password and do not score at least 85% will be granted a 2nd attempt with no expiry date at no additional cost.
- Additionally, participants are eligible for a 40% discount on the advanced Professional Scrum Master II (PSM II) assessment.

PMI PDU Credits

Attendees of Scrum.org courses are eligible for claiming Project Management Institute (PMI) PDU credits whereby passing Scrum.org assessments is not required. You can claim 14 PDUs after attending this 2-day class. Please visit https://ccrs.pmi.org under PMI's "*Education courses provided by other third-party providers*" category.

What Is Included

- Digital course materials
- Post-class notes and suggested learning resources
- Password for 1 free attempt at the PSM I certification assessment that does not expire. If you attempt the assessment within 14 days of receiving the password and do not score at least 85%, you will be granted a 2nd attempt at no additional cost
- Eligibility for a 40% discount on the advanced Professional Scrum Master II assessment

Additional Discounts

Additional discounts are available on following terms:

- Attendees of public courses coming from the same company each get a 10% discount on the listed price.
- For private training, Agilist IT Ltd PTN offers progressive discounts or prepaid packages. Please contact us for more details.
- When this course is combined with the course Applying Professional Scrum for Software Development (APS-SD), then a 20% discount is applied on both courses. Browse through our courses or contact us for more details.

Languages

English, Croatian

Trainers

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Why Scrum.org

Scrum.org provides the highest quality Scrum training, training materials, and certified Professional Scrum Trainers (PSTs) to teach them. Scrum.org training materials are created and maintained by Scrum co-creator Ken Schwaber, Scrum.org, and the PST community members who teach the courses, helping to ensure that they are in tune with what's happening in software development organizations and always up to date with the latest practices.

Professional Scrum Trainers bring their own style and experience to the courses but use the same materials so that students learn from the same content regardless of who teaches the course or where it is taught around the world. Read more about Scrum.org's approach.