

Explore Agile

In recent years, Agile has become an increasingly popular approach to software development.

Agile may look like an 'easy sell,' with its associated benefits of increased pace of development, reduced cost and improved quality of delivered software.

However, just as with any methodology, the reality of Agile is that along with the potential benefits there are a few downsides, and risks, to be aware of.

Should you 'go Agile', and if so, to what extent? Answering these questions, and having a clear understanding of what you want to achieve and what issues you need to address, are prerequisites before an Agile transformation programme is attempted.

Considering Agile?

In the current economic climate, many companies are considering adopting an Agile approach to software development.

Whilst some larger organisations have in house capability to assess and evaluate the benefits and downsides of 'going Agile', other smaller organisations can sometimes feel less confident about making the right decision, and will value the availability of independent, objective advice and guidance.

How we can help

Our **Explore Agile** service is aimed at organisations looking for sensible, pragmatic, objective input to help them decide whether they would benefit from 'going Agile'.

We can help you evaluate both the benefits and the downsides; highlight the common pitfalls that the unwary often encounter; identify the risks, and advise on possible countermeasures; and outline the changes to processes you may need to make to fully realise the benefits.

Explore Agile is a service which focuses on giving you clear and concise advice, to help you make the right decision on whether to move to Agile.

Explore Agile encompasses the following steps:

- *Understand your business drivers and reasons for wanting to go Agile*
- *Deliver a half day workshop describing the key principles of Agile, summarising the leading Agile methodologies and highlighting the real benefits, downsides and risks of going Agile*
- *Explore with you the options, benefits and risks associated with going Agile*
- *At a high level, understand your software development process and any associated issues that you hope Agile will address, and explore how these may be adapted to align with an Agile approach*
- *Jointly present with you a summary of findings and recommendations to your senior executive sponsors*

Benefits

We have extensive real-world experience in Agile: at the level of IT strategy; at the 'people, processes, technology' level; through to deep technical expertise at the technical architect / developer level.

Through an **Explore Agile** exercise you will:

- **Increase your knowledge** of the benefits, downsides and risks of 'going Agile'
- **Gain a better understanding of the challenges** you may face if you decide to go down an Agile path
- **Validate your decision** as to whether an Agile approach is right for your organisation

Duration

Typically, an Explore Agile session runs over 2 days.



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