

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Conference Agenda

Topic	Time	Strategic Data Systems Magnolia	Ingage Augusta	Savannah	Charleston	Marquis	Ascendum Sterling
Registration	7:00	Registration (in the Foyer)					
Breakfast	7:45	Atrium					
Welcome	8:00	Opening Remarks					
Keynote	8:15	Leaders are Made, Not Born (Phil Japikse)					
Session 1	9:35	My Team is Awesome And Yours is Too (Kevin Miller)	agile Data Management Transformation That Drives Cloud Architecture (Jenifer Spencer)	Dockerize Your .NET Development (Lee Brandt)	Creating Eloquent Code (Joe Wirtley)	Twice the burnout in half the time: how not to plan a sprint (Jon Fazzaro)	Kanban for Everything - Managing Software Projects to Binging Netflix (Kat Tornwall)
Session 2	10:55	Scrum Master Evolution (Robert English)	Experiments with Agile at Scale (Kevin Brinley)	Building Serverless Applications in AWS (Chris Judd)	Querying NoSQL with SQL: HAVING Your JSON Cake and SELECTing it too (Matthew Groves)	FeatureBan - A simulation to introduce Kanban basics (David Kane)	Hands-On Flow Metrics Peter Kananen
Lunch	11:55	Grab lunch from the Atrium, head back to rooms					

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Conference Agenda

Topic	Time	Strategic Data	Ingage				Ascendum
		Magnolia	Augusta	Savannah	Charleston	Marquis	Sterling
Session 3 (during lunch)	11:55	Agile Work Quality: TDD and Unit Tests (Vendor Session) Keith Callis <i>Sponsored Session by SDS</i>	Agile Leaders not Lemmings (Vendor Session) Dinah Elliott-Mendez <i>Sponsored Session by Ingage</i>				UI Design in Agile (Vendor Session) Peter Gajos <i>Sponsored Session by Ascendum</i>
Session 4	13:10	Can Elephants Collaborate? Understanding the Three Keys to Breakthrough Teams (Mike Ackerbauer)	Breaking Out Of IT (Dan GreenLeaf)	Cloud Solution Throwdown! (John Riley)	React And Your .NET Core MVC App (Lee Brandt)	12 Steps to an Agile Mindset (Sam O'Brien)	Kanban Board: "You Say It Best When You Say Nothing At All" (Mike Ritchie)
Session 5	14:40	Elephant Carpaccio – Creating More Value with Thinly Sliced User Stories (Michael Wallace)	Transformation from the trenches; an agile tale in progress (Amber Steedle)	Integrate All the Things: PowerApps and Microsoft Flow for Developers (Brian T. Jackett)	Exploring REST Web Services (Mike Smith)	My Agile Journey: What I Learned About Agile That I Couldn't Learn From a Book (Chris Shinkle)	Scrum is Agile; Agile is NOT Scrum (Heather Tooill)
Session 6	16:00	The Elephant in the Room is Wearing a Red Hat (Britta August)	Agile Scaling and Culture (chuck suscheck)	Add Intelligence to Your App with Computer Vision (Brian Sherwin)	Put Some FP in Your OOP (Michael Richardson)	Loving Estimation: Maintaining Safety with our Terrible Terrible Guesses (Michael Rogers)	CardUnit: A Unit Testing Simulation (David Kane)

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Session Abstracts

Diamond Vendor Session

Strategic Data Systems (Magnolia)

Keith Callis

Agile Work Quality: TDD and Unit Tests

How an agile environment produces working software. Ideas about improving quality of code by using TDD (Test Driven Development). Additional items to improve quality and help with future maintenance of software: unit tests, integration tests, and “eating your own dog food”.

*Ingage (Augusta) Panel Discussion with Dan Petrek, Alan Hand,
facilitated by Dinah Elliott-Mendez*

Agile Leaders not Lemmings

Creating Leaders not Lemmings: Supporting the Agile Principles Through Our Actions. In decentralized environments leadership is necessary in everyone. Ingage's panel of Agile practitioners will discuss practical ways to build leadership in Agile environments. We will also discuss leadership from different perspectives.

Ascendum (Sterling)

Peter Gajos

UI Design in Agile

Stories about the challenges of making modern UI design practice work effectively in the agile methodology framework.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Session Abstracts

Keynote: Leaders are Made, Not Born

Phil Japikse

Leaders aren't born, they aren't hatched, and they don't apparate. Leadership is a journey, one that involves hard work, practice, and a deep understanding of not only your team members but also yourself. I've led teams large and small throughout my 30 year career, and certainly made plenty of mistakes on the way, But I've learned to fail fast, iterate, and continuously improve to create high performing teams across multiple verticals. In this session I share what I have learned over the years being a leader and being led.

9:35 – 10:35

My Team is Awesome And Yours is Too

Kevin Miller

How many times have you heard, "We need to hire a rock star to help them out!" Or a director saying, "We're only going to hire the absolutely best people for this team! It has to succeed!" It's nice to dream you can hire someone, and they magically fix the issues on a troubled project, but this is rarely the case, because these people are hired to fix the symptoms and not the underlying problems. Sadly, this is a common first and only approach used, and once it fails (and frequently does), management often comes to the conclusion it's not possible to fix the ongoing problems and settles into the mantra, "The beatings will continue until morale improves." Within an organization the differences most often found between an average team and a stellar one are largely due to approach and attitude. There is a level of competency everyone needs, but it is unreasonable to think only people who are the "1 percenters" can make a project thrive. The biggest hurdle to having a successful team often relates to company culture and the team's attitude. Small changes in everyone's approach along with focusing on fitting the organization's policies around the team's dynamics helps move a team from adequate to envied. So the question is, "Which changes to make, and why?" Some teams need more and some need less, but there are certain ones which when applied will benefit any. People will become more productive, creative, and happy with these changes, because it places them as the most important aspect of the project. We'll take a look at applying several approaches to improving a development team, and a case study on how they affected a team over an 18-month period.

agile Data Management Transformation That Drives Cloud Architecture

Jenifer Spencer

My teams have effectively utilized Agile SCRUM-Ban methodologies in our development life cycle to significantly improve efficiency and more rapidly develop innovative solutions. Our customers loved it – now what? We still seem to have a discrepancy between the IT and automation across the enterprise; we have not been unable to move to the next step of automation and cloud computing. Yes we have delivered a hybrid cloud environment but we still need a more effective way to tie the business to the IT to enable automated delivery of enterprise solutions. This session will address the tools and techniques we are using through data management to enable our organization for an automated dev ops environment ready for integration into an enterprise cloud computing environment.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Session Abstracts

Dockerize Your .NET Development

Lee Brandt

It works on my machine. We've all heard it. Most of us have said it. It's been impossible to get around it... until now. Not only can Docker-izing your .NET development environment solve that issue, but it can make it drop-dead simple to onboard new developers, keep a team working forward and allow everyone on the team use their desired tools! I will show you how to get Docker set up to use as the run environment for your .NET projects, how to maintain the docker environment, and even how easy it will be to deploy the whole environment to production in a way that you are actually developing in an environment that isn't just "like" production. It IS the production environment! You will learn the basics of Docker, how to use it to develop and how deploy your "development" environment as the production environment!

Creating Eloquent Code

Joe Wirtley

If you've been programming long, you've had the experience of looking at your own code and struggling to understand it. Worse yet is trying to understand other people's code. Every piece of code you write not only instructs the computer, it also informs human readers. What is it telling them? In this session, you will learn to listen to what your code is saying. You will see how choices about scope, visibility, coupling, and cohesion reveal themselves in your code. You will learn principles and practices for creating eloquent code. Examples will be in C#, but will be applicable to any object oriented language. You will come away with new ideas to make your code speak clearly and inspiration to be more mindful while writing code.

Twice the burnout in half the time: how not to plan a sprint

Jon Fazzaro

We've got this Scrum thing down, right? Put the requirements doc in the backlog, build it out two weeks at a time, and have stand-ups. Voilà, twice the work in half the time. In other news: agile is a noun, estimation is a science, and hours times heads equals capacity. Scrum works, but only if we can nail that planning meeting. Let's take a look at how not to plan a sprint, and what you and your team can do instead to deliver value, roll with change, build trust, and go home happy.

Kanban for Everything - Managing Software Projects to Binging Netflix

Kat Tornwall

Between home, family and work, I often feel like I'm too busy to get everything done. I've been using Kanban with great success at work, but until talking with my friend, Patrick, I'd never thought about applying this technique outside software. Over the last year, Patrick has more than doubled his media consumption by using a Kanban board to manage what he reads and watches. His story inspired me to bring Kanban into more aspects of my own life, and it's taught me just how flexible Kanban really is. In this talk, I will go over the basics of using Kanban before diving into several real-life examples of Kanban boards for managing all types of projects using Trello. From organizing tasks at home to managing a software project, we will explore how to improve workflows and get things done. And, of course, we will take a look at Patrick's Netflix board that started it all.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Session Abstracts

10:55 – 11:55

Scrum Master Evolution

Robert English

At Capital One, we took a look at what made some of our Agile Leaders (Scrum Masters, Agile Coaches, and Kanban Leads) more successful than others. Among the patterns of differentiation, one factor clearly stood out beyond the others. We found a direct correlation between the technical abilities of the Agile leader on a team and the happiness of the team. The more technical our Agile Leaders were, the happier their teams were. In large part, the same teams were able to deliver more often and with a higher code quality. Change is hard - just ask the Tasmanian Tiger and the Passenger Pigeon. When your environment shifts even a small amount, you need to adapt to the change. When a work environment shifts to be 1000% more technically focused over 18 months, some people sink and others learn to swim. Many of the Agilists at Capital One were as surprised as others to learn about this pattern, but it made sense. The more that our Agile Leads understand about the work being done, the more effective they are at helping teams deliver on that work. We will take a look at three case studies from our organization and how they evolved along with their teams and how this inherently made a positive impact on their teams and themselves. The three cases that we will discuss are examples where a non-technical Scrum Master evolved his/her role and influence to help the team focus on streamlining their work to be able to focus and deliver faster. We will also take a look at ways to make sure that you are staying on top of change in your environment and how you can quickly adapt to it.

Experiments with Agile at Scale

Kevin Brinley

How do you coordinate an entire technology department and still be Agile? This session will cover some of the experiments NextGear Capital has tried with running Agile at Scale. When your organization gets to have more than just a few teams working on one product, many organizations begin experimenting with Agile at Scale, either by adopting a popular framework or cobbling together sets of practices they like. NextGear Capital is no different and has tried many different experiments. In this session, we'll talk candidly over some of the scaling experiments we've run, what we've been successful with, and what we've tried and failed. * Scrum of Scrums * Communities of Practice * Enterprise Portfolio Planning * Piloting elements of SAFe with 1 Release Train * Rolling out SAFe to the Enterprise * Changing Program Increment to 3 Sprints * Forming Program Teams

Building Serverless Applications in AWS

Chris Judd

Tired of trying to manage and maintain servers? Never have a large enough operations team? Don't have a budget for running lots of server? Don't want to pay for servers sitting idle? Afraid you might become so popular that you won't be able to scale fast enough? Don't worry, it is possible to alleviate these issues by moving to a serverless architecture that utilizes microservices hosted in the cloud. This type of architecture can support all different types of clients including web, mobile and IoT. During this hands-on workshop, you will build a serverless application utilizing AWS services such as Lambda, API Gateway, S3 and a datastore.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Session Abstracts

Querying NoSQL with SQL: HAVING Your JSON Cake and SELECTing it too

Matthew Groves

Until recently, agile business had to choose between the benefits of JSON-based NoSQL databases and the benefits of SQL-based querying. NoSQL provides schema flexibility, high performance, and elastic scaling, while SQL provides expressive, independent data access. Recent convergence allows developers and organizations to have the best of both worlds. Developers need to deliver apps that readily evolve, perform, and scale, all to match changing business needs. Organizations need rapid access to their operational data, using standard analytical tools, for insight into their business. In this session, you will learn the ways that SQL can be applied to NoSQL databases (N1QL, SQL++, ODBC, JDBC, and others), and what additional features are needed to deal with JSON documents. SQL for JSON, JSON data modeling, indexing, and tool integration will be covered.

FeatureBan - A simulation to introduce Kanban basics

David Kane

FeatureBan is a simple and quick simulation that introduces several of the key concepts of Kanban, including visualization, feedback loops and limiting work in process and that lets participants learn by doing. The simulation is also useful because it lets organizations who are curious about Kanban quickly learn about it before investing further. Mike Burrows invented the simulation, but in this session we will present a modified version that we have used with both technical and non-technical audiences.

Hands-On Flow Metrics

Peter Kananen

Delivering valuable software in an Agile project requires healthy flow. However, many experienced Agile teams don't quite understand the nuances of product development flow, and are left without clear answers to the question of why delivery is slower or more irregular than desired. The truth is that all software projects are subject to the mechanics of product development flow, and like the force of gravity, ignorance or denial is always a losing strategy. In this hands-on session, you will learn about flow metrics by running experiments in a web-based tool, built by the presenter. The system demonstrates the effects of various flow variables on the productivity of a system. You'll get a visual picture of what happens to a process when there's too much work-in-progress, batch sizes are too large, queue times are too long, or a work center has a capacity problem. The experiments run by participants will be aggregated in the session and will be discussed so that trends can be identified and shared. Participants are advised to bring a laptop to allow them to run simulations during the session. You'll walk away from the session with increased clarity into the principles of flow mechanics impacting your team's productivity. You'll also learn how to take tactical steps to improve your project by watching and managing flow.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Session Abstracts

1:10 – 2:10

Can Elephants Collaborate? Understanding the Three Keys to Breakthrough Teams ***Mike Ackerbauer (Tom Boulet)***

Why do some Agile teams become shining innovators and others struggle? This workshop will guide teams to understand the natural elements and flow of team problem solving. They will learn techniques to tailor the process for each team's members. By doing so, they will unlock the natural innovative nature of every team member and find the "wisdom of the crowd" — how the people on an Agile team can wring out every last ounce of their creative best in service to their projects and each other.

Breaking Out Of IT ***Dan GreenLeaf (Elizabeth Tolia)***

Most Agile approaches have focused on transforming IT to better serve the business needs. But to get the most out of an Agile adoption, all areas of an organization need to change. In this presentation we will focus on the changes that business stakeholders can make to get even more value out of their teams. Specifically how work is funded and backlogs are prioritized. We will use exercises to demonstrate both what changes need to be made, and give attendees some techniques to start the changes.

Cloud Solution Throwdown! ***John Riley (Karen Hatfield)***

Azure vs. AWS, Docker vs Vagrant, deployment management, configuration management. How do you choose? Collaboration on agile teams often relies on healthy conflict so that self-organizing teams can decide on tough technical challenges to make awesome software. However, what happens if the team or organization simply cannot decide? Participants in this gamified lean coffee/fishbowl discussion format can get their important opinions heard, and month-long debates can be resolved in a few minutes. Those who watch can hear important arguments and real-world experiences on state-of-the-art topics. Come join the fun!

React And Your .NET Core MVC App ***Lee Brandt***

Developing React applications usually mean developing a back end with .NET Core or NodeJS, and then a separate "plain-old" React app. This is great for applications with a "back-end" team and a "front-end" team. But in a LOT of situations, there's only one team building the application and create a single code base with good separation between the front end and back end can be complicated. I will show you how to take the generated MVC application and integrate React with it in a way that keeps the layers separated, but easily deployable as a single app!

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Session Abstracts

12 Steps to an Agile Mindset

Sam O'Brien

Companies looking for the benefits of speed to market, increased ROI, improved product quality or timely delivery often choose to adopt Agile Methodology. Cultural transformation can present challenges. Our Agile practice must begin with an Agile mindset. This talk will guide you along the path to establishing an understanding of how to think Agile. This talk is a somewhat humorous and equally serious look at the foundations of our craft. While this talk is geared more toward new Agile practitioners and teams embarking upon an Agile Transformation, veterans can also gain some new insights with this refresher. We dive into the basic Principles discussing team benefits, business benefits, meaning of the Principles and Agile practices guided by the Principles.

Kanban Board: "You Say It Best When You Say Nothing At All"

Mike Ritchie (Sydney Johnson)

How many times have you heard stakeholders ask: - When are you going to be done? - Why is it taking so long? - When are you going to start working on my stuff? Join us as we explore how a Kanban board answers these questions without saying a thing. In this session, we will learn how Kanban boards communicate what is being worked on in priority order, the progress being made and any issues preventing work from being completed. This information can be visualized more easily so that better questions can be asked sooner and addressed faster. You will walk away being comfortable enough to create your own board, drive team discussions, adapt your board along the way. You will also have be provide with some helpful tips to guide along the way.

2:40 – 3:40

Elephant Carpaccio – Creating More Value with Thinly Sliced User Stories

Michael Wallace

Too large or poorly formed user stories are a major contributor to Scrum teams not meeting their sprint goals. Through discussion and group activities we'll discover how smaller user stories can improve team performance as well as help us deliver more value to the customer.

Transformation from the trenches; an agile tale in progress

Amber Steedle

As agile practitioners and change agents, we have the most to learn from our own and each others failures. In this session, we'll share our truths as we know them so far. No sugarcoating. What's worked, what's surprised us, and where we have struggled in our scaled agile transformation. Hopefully you'll learn a bit, and maybe added to the conversation with your own agile transformation experiences.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Session Abstracts

Integrate All the Things: PowerApps and Microsoft Flow for Developers

Brian T. Jackett

Securely start a server farm of Azure dev VMs with the tap of a button on your phone. Update data in an on-prem DB from any device without writing any plumbing code or UI layer. In this session we will overview PowerApps and Microsoft Flow which are low-code / no-code solutions that allow forms and workflow development that integrate to hundreds of services including Twilio, Twitter, Azure, GitHub, and more. We will also talk about the developer story for integrating with Custom Connectors and on-prem data sources such as SQL Server and SharePoint. Lastly we will demo a number of scenarios to show how easily you can create and consume apps across Windows, iOS, Android, and web. Prior experience with PowerApps and Flow is not required.

Exploring REST Web Services

Mike Smith

This session will explore accessing and querying RESTful web services by developers using JavaScript, C# and other languages, administrators using PowerShell and power users using tools like SharePoint web parts and workflows. - What is REST? - What's available via REST. - How to select and filter data. - How to "play with REST" from the browser's developer tools. - Calling REST services from JavaScript, from PowerShell and from C#. - How to use REST with SharePoint to add, edit, delete and search.

My Agile Journey: What I Learned About Agile That I Couldn't Learn From a Book

Chris Shinkle

Agile transformation, Agile adoption, Agile implementations... Topics discussed in many books, blogs and conference presentations. But what does it look like in real life? As many know, it's not as simple as it sounds. Over the past decade, I have learned lots about implementing and adopting agile practices. Our journey has included many successes and some failures. I've experienced moving Agile practices from one team to many teams. I've seen the impact it's had on teams, culture, and clients. I've learned there's more to building a great product than Scrum, SAFe, or any specific Agile methodology. Join me as I share my agile journey encompassing the last 13 years at SEP. I will discuss the introduction of Agile practices, the core concepts in an Agile implementation, the adoption of Lean principles, Kanban, Product Discovery, and innovating with Lean Startup. I'm confident these lessons will prove valuable for you too

Scrum is Agile; Agile is NOT Scrum

Heather Tooill

Agile is a major buzzword in the development industry. However, most of the time when we hear the word Agile, we envision Scrum. I will be reviewing with you the definition of Agile and why Agile is larger than Scrum. Many of you are probably in an environment that is considered "Wagile" or a waterfall and agile mix. I want to challenge you to investigate whether this is actually true. Are you really "wagile" or are you Agile with a mix of agile implementations? Come join me as we investigate the core of Agile and some common environments that don't follow a common Scrum implementation.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Session Abstracts

4:00 – 5:00

The Elephant in the Room is Wearing a Red Hat ***Britta August***

Agile has a big elephant in the room – Transparency makes people uncomfortable. This is one reason why many people and organizations struggle with successfully using Agile practices. This presentation will show the importance of considering how to best interact with the culture of your workplace as a critical success factor to Agile adoption. We'll also dive into some common personas that we see when change happens and empirical process shines light on bad behavior and tempers or "red hats" start to flare. After acknowledging the elephant, we will discuss some of the ways to create more organization success and adoption of Agile.

Agile Scaling and Culture ***chuck suscheck***

Agile is starting to become mainstream and with it the need to scale across the organization is more and more important. There are a number of frameworks and philosophies for scaling agile and there are advantages and disadvantages to each. There is not one solution to agile scaling; the best fit depends on the organization's culture and goals. This presentation reviews models of organizational culture and compares methods of agile scale and adoption in the context of those models. Specifically we will discuss • What are some the cultural models and how do you assess yourself using them? • Where do you want to be when balancing innovation and control? • What are some of the pitfalls and advantages of scaling techniques for each type of culture as explained by the models? At the end of this session, you should have a good understanding of ways to examine your organization, your goals for agile scaling, and a foundation to make better decisions for your specific organization when scaling.

Add Intelligence to Your App with Computer Vision ***Brian Sherwin***

With the explosion of the cloud comes the explosion of compute power to solve complex problems. We have been playing with artificial intelligence for many years. Cloud services are now powerful enough that you can begin to build AI into your applications with just few lines of code. In this talk, we will work together to design an app that will use computer vision to intelligently respond to live video. We'll explore creative new ways to make your apps come alive with incredible new capabilities.

Put Some FP in Your OOP ***Michael Richardson***

Would you like your code to be more concise, clear, explicit, reliable, and testable? We'll borrow a few concepts from functional programming to improve programs written in more traditional object oriented languages. Principles like immutability, function purity, and higher-order functions provide a variety of advantages. See how paradigms from the FP world can change the way you think about solving problems.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Session Abstracts

Loving Estimation: Maintaining Safety with our Terrible Terrible Guesses

Michael Rogers

I can do without the problem solving and coding. Where I really thrive is estimation!" said nobody ever. We've all been there before. A client is working against the clock to meet a trade show deadline and casually throws out "when can I expect x?" You and your team excuse yourselves and hide in a conference room. You break down the work. You assign story points. You roll bones and gaze at entrails. And then you pad everything. Everything. And then you're wrong. We're always wrong. But what if you could be less wrong? Estimation doesn't have to be a scary endeavor full of expensive and unreliable guesswork. It doesn't have to be an exchange where the Chief Engineer ("I can have the engines operational in four hours") gets overruled by the Captain ("You have two hours!") (why did he ask for estimates if he already knew the answer?). In this presentation I'll talk about how, after many years of learning-by-screwing-things-up, I've come to approach estimation -- and how laid back estimation can be.

CardUnit: A Unit Testing Simulation

David Kane

It can be difficult for developers to find the motivation to write automated unit tests. This workshop introduces a simulation that can demonstrate the value of automated unit tests to identify and localize defects. In the simulation, participants will play the roles of programs and tests. We will discuss barriers to creating and maintaining unit tests, and how this simulation addresses those barriers.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Speaker Bios

Philip Japikse (Founder and Conference Chair)

An international speaker, Microsoft MVP, ASPInsider, MCSD, CSM, and CSP, and a passionate member of the developer community, Phil Japikse has been working with .NET since the first betas, developing software for over 30 years, and heavily involved in the agile community since 2005. Phil is co-author of best selling "C# and the .NET 4.6 Framework" (http://bit.ly/pro_csharp), the Lead Director for the Cincinnati .NET User's Group (<http://www.cinnug.org>) and the Cincinnati Software Architect Group, co-hosts the Hallway Conversations podcast (<http://www.hallwayconversations.com>), founded the Cincinnati Day of Agile (<http://www.dayofagile.org>), and volunteers for the National Ski Patrol. Phil is also a published author with LinkedIn Learning (<https://www.lynda.com/Phil-Japikse/7908546-1.html>). During the day, Phil works as an Enterprise Consultant and Agile Coach for large to medium firms throughout the US. Phil enjoys to learn new tech and is always striving to improve his craft. You can follow Phil on twitter via <http://www.twitter.com/skimedic> and read his blog at <http://www.skimedic.com/blog>.

Lee Brandt

After almost two decades writing software professionally (and a few years unprofessionally before that), Lee Brandt still continues to learn every day. He has led teams in small and large companies and always manages to keep the business needs at the forefront of software development efforts. He speaks internationally about software development, from both a technical and business perspective, and loves to teach others what he learns. Lee writes software in Objective-C, JavaScript and C#... mostly. He is a Microsoft Most Valuable Professional in Visual C# and one of the directors of the Kansas City Developer Conference (KCDC). Lee is a decorated Gulf War veteran, a husband, a proud pet parent and loves to play the drums whenever he gets any spare time.

Joe Combs

Joe Combs has spent 20 years on the front lines of the software industry. Joe holds a Bachelor of Computer Science from the University of Cincinnati and a Master of Computer Science from Northern Kentucky University. He has served as a tech lead, architect, business analyst and scrummaster delivering real business value for companies like Swisscom, Sprint, FedEx, General Electric, Ethicon, Luxottica and Quest Diagnostics. For the last 10 years Joe has been a consultant for Systems Evolution, solving his clients most challenging problems. Joe is an active scouting volunteer and a founding member of the NKU College of Informatics Alumni Council.

Jon Fazarro

Jon took the software thing pro over thirteen years ago, and has been slinging code with Aptera since 2008. These days, he may or may not be unhealthily consumed with building sustainable software, and with building teams that build sustainable software. Whatever you do, don't follow @jonfazzaro on Twitter.

Daniel GreenLeaf

Daniel is a community builder. During the day Daniel is a Lean and Agile coach who focuses on building teams and organizations to work together to deliver business value. Outside of work Daniel enjoys helping organize various groups including Columbus Women in Tech, Lean Lunchbox, COHAA, PdM club, and more.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Speaker Bios

Donald (Mark) Haynes

Mark Haynes is a software engineering professional with a multidisciplinary perspective and over 20 years of experience implementing software solutions. He has managed teams locally, remotely and off-shore for Web, Client-server, mainframe, re-engineering projects, COT's package implementation, Service Oriented Architecture, data conversion projects, infrastructure and various strategic Enterprise wide initiatives. He has provided support as a: Scrum Manager, Process Improvement Manager, Quality Assurance Manager and Project Manager.

Peter Kananen

Peter Kananen is a Partner and Delivery Manager at Gaslight, an agile software development company that works with everyone from growing San Francisco startups and disruptive education companies to Fortune 500 giants like P&G and Omnicare. Peter spends his days tracking the happiness of teams and clients, always trying to provide just enough support and guidance to keep things headed in the right direction. Every project at Gaslight follows lean and agile principles and uses Kanban. He's spoken at CocoaConf, Agile Indy, and Agile and Beyond.

Timothy Korson

Timothy Korson is a Scrum trainer and coach. He has had over a decade of substantial experience working on a large variety of systems developed using modern agile software engineering techniques. This experience includes distributed, real time, embedded systems as well as business information systems in an n-tier, client-server environment. Dr. Korson's current focus is on helping organizations implement high value software using Scrum.

As a leader in the field of agile software development, Tim has authored articles, given numerous tutorials on agile techniques, and worked with numerous organizations transitioning to Scrum.

Dr. Korson holds a Ph.D. in business information systems as well as undergraduate degrees in math and computer science. His interests, education, and practical corporate experience have always spanned both technology and business perspectives. His focus on the application of technology to solve business problems is a perfect fit to his current role as Scrum trainer and coach. Tim's sub-specialty is on working with testers in helping them to transition to their new roles as effective Scrum team members.

Tim is a frequent invited lecturer at major international conferences. The lectures and training classes he presents are highly rated by the attendees.

Will Kambeer

Mr. Kambeer is currently the Project Lifecycle Services Solution Director for Fusion Alliance, a local Digital, Data and Mobile solutions consulting firm. Will has over 19 years of experience in Information Technology positions and consulting; 19 years in the manufacturing sector as well as over 7 years in insurance related sector. His experiences combined with Masters of Business Administration degree from Butler University and a Bachelors of Science in Industrial Management degree from Purdue University, drives continuous pursuit of doing things better. Experiences with Fortune 500 companies from specific industries include consumer products, automotive, pharmaceuticals, health insurance and property and casualty insurance has created broad view of what works and doesn't when trying to improve delivery. Will is a seasoned leader in project delivery using traditional and agile frameworks with SAFe Program Consultant (SPC4), Certified Scrum Master (CSM), and Project Management Professional (PMP) certifications. Project technology delivered includes Enterprise Resource Planning applications, warehouse management, JAVA, .NET, COBOL, RPG, Progress applications, and conversions.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Speaker Bios

Kimberlee McGill

Kim McGill has been an Agile delivery and execution specialist for over 10 years. She has a special interest in helping teams and organizations move beyond initial transformation woes into productive and functioning agile teams and organizations. Now she will share ways to move a group or organization forward on its journey past scrum-fall.

John Riley

John has many years' experience working on agile teams, and holds certifications for all scrum roles. His career has also focused on applying techniques in Lean Manufacturing and Application Lifecycle Management for process improvement as an Enterprise Architect. John is also passionate about mentoring by example to help development teams become high performing through continuous improvement.

Jenifer Spencer

Jenifer is a Michigan native who now resides in Kentucky with 15 years of experience developing, designing, and planning IT solutions that surpass client expectations. She has supported multiple clients across the private and government sector and is extremely passionate about learning new things to find what works for her teams and for her customers. The majority of her experience is in project management, team 'cheer leading', and problem solving. She also works to ensure projects deliver solutions that address the management of systems resources including performance, capacity, availability, serviceability, and recoverability. Jenifer is responsible to plan project solutions in compliance with policies, guidance, procedures standards, infrastructures, and architectures that establish the framework for the management of the program.

Chuck Suscheck

Dr. Charles Suscheck specializes in agile software development methodologies, and project management. He is one of the few people in the world certified to teach the entire scrum.org curriculum. He has over 25 years of professional experience in information technology, beginning his career as a software developer. Dr. Suscheck holds a Doctorate, Masters, and Bachelors in Computer Science and is a Professional Scrum Trainer (PST), Professional Scrum Master (PSM I and II), Professional Scrum Product Owner (PSPO I and II), Scaled Agile Framework Process Consultant (SPC), Certified Scrum Master (CSM), certified Scrum Practitioner (CSP) and certified RUP specialist. An educator at heart, he has over 30 published articles, has taught nearly 1000 students software development, and is a highly respected conference speaker. Charles currently teaches a number of Professional Scrum courses at Maxtrain in Mason, OH.

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Speaker Bios

This page intentionally left blank

2017 Cincinnati Day of Agile & Cincy.Develop(); Sponsors

Diamond



Gold



Silver

