Fact or Fiction: Agile Really Can Be Used on an ERP Project?
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Abstract:

Fact. ERP projects have successfully delivered quality products by leveraging lean and agile principles and techniques. Learn about the common differences and challenges that are unique to an ERP initiative and its use of Agile. Discover how there are varying models of how organizations have introduced Agile into their enterprise. Transitioning from traditional waterfall to Agile is not easy....learn how to assess whether your Enterprise is ready for Agile. Discover how other ERP customers have adopted Agile in their enterprise projects and the key lessons learned from their projects.

ERP projects often are over budget and late on schedule. Many times key stakeholders and end users are disappointed in the end product that is delivered. Return on Investment on large ERP projects is often delayed or never realized. The quality of the ERP solution that is delivered often is not what the customer expected. Many times the estimates that an ERP team makes are unreliable and far from actuals. Many times organizations have to apply additional resources to address the gaps and the issues of an ERP implementation. Often, key milestones on ERP projects are missed or delayed forcing the project to be late. How can we use Lean concepts and Agile techniques to address these common challenges in ERP projects?

Discover how you can use the principles of Lean and innovative Agile techniques to create a high performing ERP team that will deliver high value and high quality products to your stakeholders in a shorter period of time. Learn how you can create cross-functional teams that are collaborative, adaptive, and responsive to customer needs. Find out how you can transform your ERP team to increase their productivity so you can realize benefits sooner.

Key Learning Points:

- Overview of Common Differences of ERP projects vs. Custom Application Development
- Review of key challenges with ERP projects and introducing Agile
- Review several variations and models of how Agile is used in ERP project environments
- Discuss the Organizational Change Management considerations on using Agile on ERP projects
- Determine whether your organization is ready for agile....take the self-assessment
- Share customer lessons learned and success stories on how Agile has been introduced into ERP environments

Speaker Bio:

Jason Fair is the CEO of Genesis Consulting. He is one of the founding Partners to start a new company focused on delivering ERP solutions that help clients achieve their business objectives more efficiently and effectively. Jason came to Genesis from BearingPoint, where he served as a Managing Director for the Public Services SAP practice - a position that required strategic vision, commitment to quality, and dedication to client success. Jason’s responsibilities included leading BearingPoint's SAP solutions in State and Local Government, Higher Education, Aerospace and Defense, Federal Civilian agencies, Intelligence Community, and Healthcare markets.

Jason has been constantly challenged throughout his career to provide innovative solutions to strategic and operational initiatives for business re-engineering and organizational restructuring projects. He has more than 19 years of industry experience, 17 of which he has specialized in implementing SAP technologies and is experienced at effective program management for large-scale SAP implementations, quality assurance and control reviews, business process design, functional configuration, and integration management. Jason has extensive knowledge and experience with leading re-engineering and modernization initiatives for complex financial, supply chain, logistics, production planning, and manufacturing business operations.
Jason has been leading the way in developing and delivering Lean and Agile SAP solutions to his customers. He is working with industry leaders to challenge the traditional ERP waterfall delivery approach to incorporate Agile techniques to stimulate and increase productivity of project teams and accelerate the benefits realization in ERP initiatives. He recently led the delivery of a Lean Agile SAP implementation to deliver SAP solutions to 25,000 users. Leveraging Agile techniques the team delivered the project ahead of schedule and increased the SAP team’s performance by over 250%.

Jason is a Certified SAP Consultant, Certified Project Management Professional (PMP), Certified Scrum Master (CSM) and a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He is nationally recognized as a thought leader in the Agile community driving new concepts for a Lean Agile ERP implementation approach. Jason is a regular speaker at SAP, ASUG, universities and various industry conferences.

Jason has a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting from the University of Richmond. Jason tries to find some spare time for running, cycling, and triathlons.

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