WHAT IS AN EMERGING ECONOMY?

An economy that is transitioning from a traditional, to a more advanced economy focused on industrialisation.

Pilot for 2018
PURPOSE OF THE INITIATIVE

To help emerging economies build on local Agile skills, knowledge and experience by:

• Providing an opportunity to learn that is not bound to a commercial event, e.g. conference or training.
• Increasing knowledge sharing between the local and international Agile community.
• Affording under-served communities access to international speakers and the broader Agile community.

The pilot of the initiative was run in South Africa in October 2018.
Jeff Hackert has been working with technology teams for over 30 years. He has worked with market innovators in telecommunications, software deployment, gaming, food and beverage, and e-commerce (Nextel, Chef, Riot Games, Soylent, Red Bull, ABSA Bank, Standard Bank, Visa, Sourceclear and many more). He is both a coach and mentor to tech leaders and software developers, helping individuals and teams to improve their approach to product development and delivery. His approach to product delivery is centered around the values, mind-set and work habits that produce great teams and amazing products.
Jeff spent the morning talking about Agile software development with students from We Think Code in Braamfontein, Johannesburg.

We Think Code’s vision, as a Non-Profit organisation, is to unlock youth potential by closing the digital skills gap in Africa. They work within an ecosystem of public and private partners to source and train world-class African digital talent; as well as provide students with a clear path to employment.
Durban has never hosted a major Agile conference or event. The Regional Scrum Gathering will be hosted in Durban for the first time in Nov 2018, due to the water shortage in Cape Town.

Jeff delivered his talk titled "Beyond Process - Product Delivery in a Post-Agile World" to a group of 70+ Durban Agilists.

Thank you to the organisers of the Durban Agile User Group: Gennine Inggs, Mark Whitfeld, Brendon Page, Rory Clarke
Waseem 'TehWazzard' Sabjee
Hello Guys, I'm a member (now residing in Joburg) and I've had the pleasure to be in one of Jeff's DevOps way of working workshops a few years back while he was with CheIO and I'd say... please try your best not to miss interacting with this guy. It's an experience. I unfortunately can't make this event... I would love to view the live cast.
Reply 14 days ago

Genuine Inggs
Jeff's talk was wonderful. Full of insightful and on the button information and super entertaining too. You're welcome back anytime Jeff!
Reply 6 days ago

Matt Salmon
Enjoyed this immensely. Thanks to all the sponsors for holding this.
Reply 10 days ago

Dean Alcock
Highly entertaining and informative. Thanks Jeff for some real pearls of wisdom, and thanks to the Agile Alliance, SA Home Loans, ChilliSoft and Kaleide Decode for making this event possible.
Reply 9 days ago

Ewan McPhail
Awesome session, thank you organizers and the highly entertaining Jeff!
Reply 10 days ago

Kim van Wyk
Big thanks to Jeff for a fascinating and really engaging talk - I came away with a lot of great new insight.
Reply 9 days ago

Nishkar Ramautar
Really really awesome talk. Very engaging. I enjoyed it thoroughly!
Reply 9 days ago

Mark Whitfield
Great talk with great "chunks" of insight!
Reply 13 days ago

Gareth Craig
An amazing talk. Thanks so much.
Reply 8 days ago

Rory Smith-Belton
At the risk of being a repeating record, great talk! My only regret is that I didn't bring more people. I have already started looking at the collection of Jeff's content which is out on the net, so that I can start introducing my team to it.
Reply 8 days ago

Verne Clarke
An insightful, real and entertaining talk. Thank you!
Reply 8 days ago
The Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) Faculty of Information and Communication Technology is based in the township of Soshanguve.

To close the gap between the Agile industry and the university students, TUT decided to host their first annual Kasi Create-A-Thon (KasiCAT). KasiCAT followed a hackathon format, underpinned by Agile practices. It was organised by the student community and academic staff, in collaboration with the local agile community.

The intent was to deliver fresh ideas and solutions to the Soshanguve community, focusing on the following topics: Education, Service Delivery, Commercial Services, Health Information, Crime Prevention

Day 1 = Workshop Day | Day 2 = Product Creation | Day 3 = Showcase

"Kasi" is South African slang for "township". A township is a typically underdeveloped urban area that, until the end of apartheid, was reserved for people of colour.
DAY 1: THE “RULES”

1. "Innovation distinguishes between a LEADER + a FOLLOWER"
   - Steve Jobs

2. Competition is **Validation**
   - It doesn’t have to be a SUPER SECRET idea...
   - FIND the gap and do it better...

3. **STARTUP costs** are approaching ZERO!
   - Use open Source AWS (Amazon Web Services)
   - Don’t re-invent...

4. OPEN Source
   - The secret to startups is... run out of money...
   - Experiment a lot...
   - Get feedback early + quickly...

5. ACCELERATE feedback
   - Get feedback early + quickly...
   - SMALL pieces...

6. BUILD SLACK into the System
   - Give people time to THINK!

**THE RULES**

1. **Understand the ECONOMICS**
   - I can go into an existing market with small innovation

2. **CONTROL work in PROGRESS**
   - Small pieces... pick most important thing... focus on finishing...

3. **Explore VARIABILITY**
   - by: Tech
   - by: Requirements (difficult to alter)
   - by: People (not individuals)

4. ICAM  
   - Learn Java
   - What matters is SOLVING the problem

Jeff Hackert
DAY 1: SKETCHING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Angie Doyle & Talia Lancaster
DAY 1: MOB PROGRAMMING

Gareth Stephenson
DAY 1: TESTING THE TEDDIES  Joanne Perold

Testing the teddies
Jo Perold but created by Louise Perold
DAY 2: PRODUCT CREATION
Lots of coffee needed!

(one unexpected venue change later...)

DAN 3: SHOWCASE
CyberCircle (1st)
An application that provides exposure for artisans to promote their skills

Code E (2nd)
An application to help learners study by exposing them to mathematics

TechSetters (3rd)
An application that tracks the location of people at high risk of human trafficking
Int-Elligence
An application to help people eat healthier, by providing them with access to eating plans for their specific condition

Coders
A hospital management system to help reduce long queues in hospitals, and provide access to medical records

Connectors
An application that will help citizens in an emergency situation to get help fast

Nerdy Geeks
An administrative system to help the Department of Transport transform from a manual system to an electronic one
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