

TRAINER BIOGRAPHY

Jim Schiel

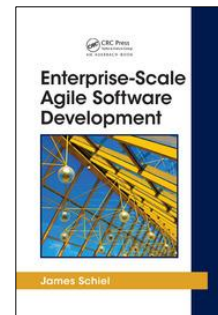


Jim Schiel, trained by Scrum co-creator and evangelist Ken Schwaber, is a Certified Scrum Trainer, member of the Scrum Alliance and published author with a strong background in enterprise level Scrum installations. To say that Jim is an Agile advocate is somewhat of an understatement, having learned and lived the Agile methodology since very early on. Jim was employed at Siemens Medical Solutions for 23 years where he worked initially as a developer, then as a manager, eventually playing an instrumental role in Siemens' Scrum installations around the globe. Also as a business process engineer at Siemens, he helped identify, document, and implement best practices for the large scale implementation of Agile Development.

His professional activities have focused on Agile Development from the perspective of the Agile team, Agile management and the Agile enterprise. He has used Agile Development to help create better software, satisfied customers and businesses that are both more successful and more profitable.

Since being trained by Schwaber for his Certified Scrum Master (CSM) certification in 2005, his Certified Scrum Professional (CSP) and his Certified Scrum Trainer (CST) certification in 2006, Jim has taught over 60 CSM classes in the United States and abroad. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Computer Science from Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA.

His book, *Enterprise Scale Agile Software Development*, was published in November 2009 by CRC Press. The book is described as “the collective sum of knowledge accumulated during the above mentioned full-scale transition of this 1400-person organization to agile development, which is still considered the largest implementation of agile development and Scrum ever attempted anywhere in the world [Siemens Medical Solutions]. Jim draws from his experience at the helm of that global four-year project to guide readers through the transition, providing key information and tools to assess potential outcomes and then make the best corresponding choices in any given situation. His book goes beyond standardizing agile and Scrum practices as it breaks up the process into manageable tasks, illustrating how to set the stage for the change, plan it, and then initiate it.”



Jim is an active community leader. He has served two years on a local School Board of Directors and served six years on the Board of Directors of Village Productions. Village Productions is a performing arts organization that provides theatric viewing and performance opportunities to his community and manages the Tri-County Performing Arts Center, located in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Jim lives with his wife and four children just outside of Philadelphia.